

# L'Ecole

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TOP AWARDS AND REVIEWS

## 2017 Merlot / Cabernet Franc Estate Walla Walla Valley

### 19/20 (95) PTS, BEST BUYS 2020

*Rand Sealey's Review of Washington Wines* - April 2020

This 50/50 combination from the Seven Hills (50%) and Ferguson (50%) vineyards wine offers a deep ruby color and engaging aromas of wild blackberries, cherries, plums, crushed black roses, tobacco, cedar, rosemary, sage and smoldering incense. The medium full bodied flavors mirror the aromatics with deliciously supple dark fruits that are accented by red licorice, cocoa, French roast and silt and basalt minerals. On the back, the wine turns chewy textured yet refined, with sensations of macerated berries, roasted walnuts, dried cherries, mocha and graphite, followed by a lingering baking spice and herb dusted ripe tannin finish.

### 92 PTS, CELLAR SELECTION

*Wine Enthusiast, Sean Sullivan* - April 2020

This wine is equal parts Ferguson and Seven Hills Vineyards and is similarly split between these two varieties. The aromas are locked up at present, with notes of graphite, cedar, barrel spice, coffee, dried herb, cherry, cranberry and anise coming out with coaxing. Plump, ripe fruit flavors follow, accented by vibrant acidity and enough tannic structure to go the distance. It flat out impresses. Best 2023–2033.

### 93 PTS

*OwenBargreen.com, Owen Bargreen* - April 2020

A really unique wine, the 2017 Merlot/Cabernet Franc was sourced from both the Ferguson and Seven Hills Vineyards. Needing a two hour decant to get going, the wine slowly unveils red bell pepper and anise aromatics that mingle with blackberry cobbler and shades of creosote that all take shape in the glass. The palate is beautifully structured, with serious length and a light blue fruit undertone that melds with the copious minerality and deep dark fruit flavors of the wine. Gorgeous to enjoy in its youth (following a long decant), this beautiful wine will cellar well for decades to come. Drink 2022-2040.