

L'Ecole

No. 41

2017 Cabernet Sauvignon Walla Walla Valley

WINEMAKER COMMENT

This wine is a blend sourced from prestigious vineyard sites representing four unique soil types in the Walla Walla Valley, 50% of which are L'Ecole's Estate vineyards. Its old-world structure, dense dark fruit flavors and elegant tannins exemplify the best of Walla Walla.

VINEYARDS

This Cabernet Sauvignon reflects the diversity of terroir in the Walla Walla Valley from vineyards planted in:

Fractured basalt – Estate Ferguson

Ice-age flood silts – Pepper Bridge

Wind-blown loess – Estate Seven Hills, Loess & Summit View

The Rocks – Stone Valley & Yellow Jacket

VINTAGE

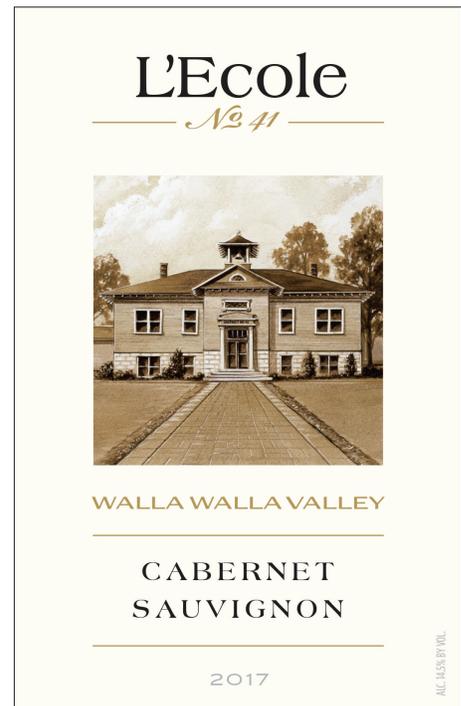
- The 2017 vintage was moderate in heat units and produced spectacular quality and balance normally associated with such seasonal conditions.
- A cool, wet spring delayed bud break until early April allowing the vines to fully recover from a hard prior winter. Bloom occurred in early June in line with the long-term average.
- July and early August were slightly warmer than normal suppressing berry growth and yields.
- Late September was cooler than normal. This slowed fruit maturation, pushing most of harvest into October.
- Our beautiful Indian summer brought plentiful sunshine in October. Warm days and cool night temperatures produced an ideal balance of flavor development, acid retention, and mineral notes in the majority of wines. A near-perfect vintage in the door.

WINEMAKING

- Over 35 years of meticulous vineyard management and winemaking experience are fundamental to the quality of our wines and reputation for excellence. We are engaged in growing and making 100% of our wines.
- Each lot was hand-harvested ripe and gently crushed into 1.5 stainless steel fermenters.
- Gentle handling of the fruit through hand punch downs and gravity-assisted movements were utilized throughout the entire winemaking process.
- The wine was cleanly racked to 100% small French oak barrels, 40% new, with four rackings over 22 months.

TASTING NOTES

With a nod to the old world, this robust Cabernet shows savory aromas, mingled with expressive black currant and cocoa. With a remarkable core of black cherry, fresh plum, and espresso, this well-integrated wine further expresses enticing damp earth and cigar box notes, and finishes with polished tannins on a smooth, powerful finish.



HARVEST DATA

Harvest Dates	SEPTEMBER 27 - OCTOBER 19, 2017
Average tons/acre	3.3
Average Brix	25.4°
Average pH	3.16
Average Acidity	6.0 g/L

WINE DATA

Composition	100% CABERNET SAUVIGNON
pH	3.77
Total Acidity	6.2 g/L
Alcohol	14.5%
Bottling Date	JULY 11, 2019
Release Date	OCTOBER 2020
Case Production	1,800