

# L'Ecole

No. 41

ESTATE AND WALLA WALLA WINES

## THE VINEYARD COLLECTION

### 2017 Ferguson Estate – Ferguson Vineyard

**2017 RATING:** 97 JS, 95 JD, 92 WE CELLAR SELECTION, 92 W&S, 91 WS

**2016 RATING:** 96 JS TOP 100 USA, 95 JD, 95 V, 94 W&S BEST CABERNETS & BLENDS, 91 WE CELLAR SELECTION, 90 WA

**AVA:** Walla Walla Valley

**VARIETY:** 60% Cabernet Sauvignon, 28% Merlot, 7% Cabernet Franc, 5% Malbec

**PRODUCED:** 1,330 cases



Ferguson is one of the highest elevation vineyards in the Walla Walla Valley reflecting a unique geological profile. The vines, planted on a ridge of ancient lava flows, are rooted in fractured basalt giving this complex blend its bold dark fruit, immense structure and dense minerality. Our inaugural 2011 vintage of Ferguson was awarded Best Bordeaux Blend in the World at the 2014 Decanter World Wine Awards in London!

**Ferguson** is named in honor of our founders Baker and Jean Ferguson.

### 2017 Perigee Estate – Seven Hills Vineyard

**2017 RATING:** 95 JS, 94 JD, 91 WE CELLAR SELECTION

**2016 RATING:** 94 JD, 94 V, 93 JS, 92 WS, 91 WE CELLAR SELECTION, 91 W&S, 90 WA

**AVA:** Walla Walla Valley

**VARIETY:** 50% Cabernet Sauvignon, 21% Merlot, 11% Cabernet Franc, 9% Petit Verdot, 9% Malbec

**PRODUCED:** 1,280 cases



Perigee captures the essence of Seven Hills Vineyard's characteristic rich elegance, seductive aromas and earthy structure. Planted in the wind-blown loess of geologically young, mineral rich soil, we hand-select our oldest and most distinguished blocks to produce this stunning, flagship wine. Seven Hills Vineyard is one of Walla Walla Valley's most acclaimed vineyards.

**Proprietary Name:** Perigee is the closest point to the earth in the moon's orbit.

### 2017 Apogee – Pepper Bridge Vineyard

**2017 RATING:** 94 JS, 93+ JD, 93 W&S

**2016 RATING:** 95 JD, 94 W&S BEST CABERNETS & BLENDS, 94 JS, 93 V, 91+ WA, 90 WE CELLAR SELECTION

**AVA:** Walla Walla Valley

**VARIETY:** 65% Cabernet Sauvignon, 18% Merlot, 14% Malbec, 3% Cabernet Franc

**PRODUCED:** 1,280 cases



L'Ecole has been producing Pepper Bridge Vineyard Apogee since 1993. Apogee is our expression of this vineyard's distinctive and characteristic spicy bold aromas, dark fruit flavors, robust tannins, and rich structure. This vineyard, planted in the terraced remnants of ice age flood deposits, is one of the Walla Walla Valley's most reputable vineyards.

**Proprietary Name:** Apogee is the point in the orbit of the moon that is the greatest distance from the earth; the farthest point or apex.

### 2017 Cabernet Sauvignon – Walla Walla Valley

**2017 RATING:** 94 JS, 92 WE CELLAR SELECTION, 90 WS, 89 JD

**2016 RATING:** 94 JD, 93 JS, 91 V, 90 WE CELLAR SELECTION, 90 W&S BEST CABERNETS & BLENDS, 89 WS, 89 WA

**AVA:** Walla Walla Valley

**VARIETY:** 100% Cabernet Sauvignon

**PRODUCED:** 1,800 cases



This wine is a blend of seven esteemed Walla Walla vineyard sites representing four unique soil types, with the majority of the fruit coming from our Estate Ferguson and Estate Seven Hills vineyards. This diversity results in added complexity, richness and balance reflective of the vineyards themselves. Its old world structure, dense, dark fruit flavors and elegant tannins exemplify the best of Walla Walla Valley.

**KEY VINEYARDS:** Estate Seven Hills, Estate Ferguson, Pepper Bridge, Loess, Summit View, Stone Valley

### 2019 Luminesce Estate – Seven Hills Vineyard

**2019 RATING:** 92 WE EDITORS' CHOICE

**2018 RATING:** 91 WE TOP 100, EDITORS' CHOICE, 91 V, 89 WS, 89 WA

**AVA:** Walla Walla Valley

**VARIETY:** 50% Sauvignon Blanc, 50% Semillon

**PRODUCED:** 1,450 cases



L'Ecole is recognized as one of the premier producers of Semillon in the U.S. and the site specific terroir of our Estate Seven Hills Vineyard is evident in this dry, full-bodied white Bordeaux blend. The Semillon provides lush tones of white peach & tropical fruit while the Sauvignon Blanc broadens the flavor and texture, elevating the crisp, floral and flinty side of the wine.

### 2017 Merlot Estate – Walla Walla Valley

**2017 RATING:** 94 JS, 91 WE EDITORS' CHOICE, 90 JD, 90 W&S

**2016 RATING:** 95 JS, 93 JD, 90+ V, 90 W&S

**AVA:** Walla Walla Valley

**VARIETY:** 79% Merlot, 17% Cabernet Franc, 4% Cabernet Sauvignon

**PRODUCED:** 1,080 cases



L'Ecole is recognized as one of Washington State's top producers of premium Merlot and this estate vineyard blend represents our best. The elegance and old world structure of Seven Hills Vineyard (50%) adds complexity to the earthiness and minerality of the basalt soil from Ferguson (50%).

**LIMITED AVAILABILITY**

### 2017 Syrah Estate – Seven Hills Vineyard

**2017 RATING:** 94 JS, 92 JD, 92 W&S, 88 WS, 88 WE

**2016 RATING:** 95 JS, 93 JD, 92 V, 90+ WA, 90 WE, 90 WS

**AVA:** Walla Walla Valley

**VARIETY:** 100% Syrah

**PRODUCED:** 1,060 cases



Seven Hills Vineyard's wind deposited loess soils are ideally suited to maximize the varietal characteristics of Syrah. Crafted from some of the earliest Walla Walla Valley plantings, our Estate Syrah manifests old world attributes of earth, spice and game in combination with the new world profile of bold, expressive and concentrated fruit.

**LIMITED AVAILABILITY**

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## HERITAGE WINES FROM SELECT VINEYARDS

### 2017 Cabernet Sauvignon

**2017 RATING:** 91 WE EDITORS' CHOICE, 91 JD, 88 WS

**2016 RATING:** 92 D HIGHLY RECOMMENDED, 91 JS, 90 WS, 90 V, 89 JD, 89 WA

**AVA:** Columbia Valley

**VARIETY:** 100% Cabernet Sauvignon

**PRODUCED:** 5,600 cases



A key contributing factor to L'Ecole's reliable excellence of wines is its history of working with a broad palate of some of the oldest, most proven vineyards in Washington State. Access to fruit of the highest quality and an average vine age of more than 20 years, this wine shows a classic Cabernet Sauvignon profile of dark expressive fruit, firm structure and integrated tannins.

**KEY VINEYARDS:** Candy Mountain, Estate Seven Hills, Alder Ridge, Klipsun, Summit View, Bacchus & Dionysus, Pepper Bridge, Stone Tree, Loess, Yellow Jacket, Estate Ferguson, Stone Valley

### 2017 Merlot

**2017 RATING:** 92 WE EDITORS' CHOICE, 88 JD

**2016 RATING:** 92 JS, 90 W&S, 90 JD, 89 V, 89 WS

**AVA:** Columbia Valley

**VARIETY:** 81% Merlot, 14% Cabernet Franc, 3% Malbec, 2% Petit Verdot

**PRODUCED:** 4,870 cases



Eastern Washington's long, warm summer days, cool nights, lack of rainfall and geologically young, mineral rich soils provide the perfect conditions for growing world class Merlot. L'Ecole is recognized as one of Washington State's top producers of premium Merlot, expressed in this wine's great structure, color and balanced acidity.

**KEY VINEYARDS:** Estate Seven Hills, Bacchus & Dionysus, Candy Mountain, Klipsun, Weinbau, Pepper Bridge, Stone Tree

### 2017 Syrah

**2017 RATING:** 90 JD, 89 WE, 88 WA

**2016 RATING:** 93 JS, 90 W&S, 90 JD, 90 V, 89 WS

**AVA:** Columbia Valley

**VARIETY:** 77% Syrah, 21% Grenache,  
2% Mourvèdre

**PRODUCED:** 3,010 cases



Washington State's climate and soil is ideally suited to maximize the varietal characteristics of Syrah. The addition of Grenache adds beautiful aromatics and spice to the wine. Rich, spicy and complex, with fine tannins and bright acidity, our Columbia Valley Syrah is the perfect food pairing wine.

**KEY VINEYARDS:** Candy Mountain, Stone Tree, Estate Seven Hills, Bacchus, Summit View

### 2018 Frenchtown

**2018 RATING:** 90 WS, 90 WE EDITORS' CHOICE

**2017 RATING:** 89 WS, 88 V

**AVA:** Columbia Valley

**VARIETY:** **71% BORDEAUX** –  
35% Merlot, 26% Cabernet Sauvignon,  
7% Malbec, 3% Petit Verdot  
**29% RHONE** –  
16% Syrah, 10% Grenache, 3% Mourvèdre

**PRODUCED:** 5700 cases



Sourced from some of Washington's most esteemed vineyards, the fruit for Frenchtown is hand-harvested and fermented in small lots to provide the consistent quality synonymous with L'Ecole. Dominated by Merlot, Cabernet Sauvignon, and Syrah, this unique red blend offers exceptional value.

### 2019 Grenache Rosé – Alder Ridge Vineyard

**2019 RATING:** 90 W&S, 88 WE, 88 WS

**2018 RATING:** 91 JS, 89 V, 88 WE, 88 WS

**AVA:** Horse Heaven Hills

**VARIETY:** 100% Grenache

**PRODUCED:** 1,040 cases



The Grenache sourced from this south-facing bench overlooking the Columbia River in the Horse Heaven Hills is grown for Rosé. Whole cluster pressed, this refreshing, dry-style Rosé is a beautiful Provençal pale. Crisp, clean and expressive, this Rosé is an exciting addition to L'Ecole's acclaimed lineup of wines.

### 2018 Semillon

**2018 RATING:** 92 JS, 91 WE BEST BUY, 90 JD, 89 WS,  
88 W&S BEST BUY, TOP 100 VALUES

**2017 RATING:** 90 W&S TOP 100 BEST BUY,  
90 WE TOP 100 BEST BUY, 90 JS

**AVA:** Columbia Valley

**VARIETY:** 85% Semillon, 15% Sauvignon Blanc

**PRODUCED:** 4,150 cases



L'Ecole is recognized internationally as a leading producer of this unique varietal. Few Semillons show their richness and complexity as those produced in Washington State. Perfectly suited to the climate, Semillon excels in physiological ripeness under our cool, acid preserving harvest nights. This beautifully balanced, barrel-fermented Semillon displays brilliant color and flavor intensity.

**KEY VINEYARDS:** Klipsun, Stillwater Creek, Lodmell, Rosebud, Estate Seven Hills

### 2019 Chenin Blanc Old Vines

**2019 RATING:** 91 WE BEST BUY, 88 W&S BEST BUY

**2018 RATING:** 93 JS, 90 W&S TOP 100 BEST BUY,  
90 WE BEST BUY, 89 WS, 89 V

**AVA:** Yakima Valley

**VARIETY:** 100% Chenin Blanc

**PRODUCED:** 4,350 cases



L'Ecole has produced this classic Old Vine Chenin Blanc since 1987 and we are one of just a handful of Washington producers to focus on this versatile and captivating varietal. Sourced from some of the oldest Chenin Blanc vineyards in the State, this wine's abundant aromatics, vibrant flavors and mineral notes are beautifully balanced with crisp acidity and a dry finish.

**KEY VINEYARDS:** Willard Farms, Upland, Rothrock, Phil Church

### 2019 Chardonnay

**2019 RATING:** 90 WE

**2018 RATING:** 89 WE, 89 WA

**AVA:** Columbia Valley

**VARIETY:** 100% Chardonnay

**PRODUCED:** 5,000 cases



Washington State's primary growing region lies between 46 and 47 degrees latitude, and Chardonnay thrives in this northern, cooler continental climate. The hallmark of our winemaking philosophy with this Chardonnay is one of balance through the restrained use of oak. This wine exhibits beautifully expressive and layered fruit with elegant structure and texture to match the invigorating backbone of acidity and minerality.

**KEY VINEYARDS:** Schmitt, Evergreen, Oasis, Stillwater Creek

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