

# L'Ecole

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## TOP AWARDS AND REVIEWS

### 2017 Perigee, Estate Seven Hills Vineyard Walla Walla Valley

#### 95 PTS

*JamesSuckling.com, James Suckling* - June 2020

This is a deep, richer palate with currants, flowers, white chocolate and some almonds. It's full-bodied with plush tannins and a chewy finish. Yet, it's so attractive and pretty. A blend of 50% cabernet sauvignon, 21% merlot, 11% cabernet franc, 9% petit verdot and 9% malbec. Needs more time. Try after 2022.

#### 94 PTS

*JebDunnuck.com, Jeb Dunnuck* - April 2020

Based on 50% Cabernet Sauvignon, 21% Merlot, 11% Cabernet Franc, the rest Petit Verdot and Malbec, the 2017 Perigee Estate Seven Hills Vineyard offers more classic cassis, tobacco, and sappy herbs as well as a solid sense of minerality. Full-bodied, concentrated, and beautifully balanced as well as elegant, give it 3-5 years of bottle age and enjoy over the following two decades or more.

#### 93 PTS

*Vinous, Stephen Tanzer* - December 2020

Bright, saturated ruby-red. Blackberry, boysenberry, licorice and minerals on the nose, lifted by topnotes of Tellicherry pepper and violet. Very suave, silky and smooth, conveying enticing sweetness to its refined dark berry, spice and mineral flavors. Terrific energy and delineation here, and long and suave on the rising finish, where the dusty tannins are beautifully buffered by the wine's material. A lovely showing, even if this very juicy wine is still a bit youthfully imploded. This may be the most floral of the current red wine releases from L'Ecole.

#### 92+ PTS

*Wine Advocate, Anthony Mueller* - October 2020

The 2017 Perigee Seven Hills Vineyard Estate is a blend of 50% Cabernet Sauvignon, 21% Merlot, 11% Cabernet Franc and 9% each of Petit Verdot and Malbec. The nose opens to an expressive fruit core, highlighting juicy dark red fruit and spiced blackberry essence. Aromas of cinnamon-spiced dark cherries, sweet plums and a dusty minerality sway out of the glass with elements of an exotic floral bouquet. Full-bodied, the wine shows layers and a delineated, fresh frame with succulent tannins, offering a balanced structure across the mid-palate. The mouthfeel shows finesse with a purity of fruit before lingering with persistence, vibrancy and a subtle red spice reflection over the elongated finish. This is delicious juice. Drink date: 2020-2032.

#### 91 PTS, CELLAR SELECTION

*Wine Enthusiast, Sean Sullivan* - August 2020

Cabernet Sauvignon makes up half of this wine, with the rest Merlot (21%), Cabernet Franc (11%), Petit Verdot (9%) and Malbec (9%). rooding aromas of cherry, plum, mocha, graphite, cherry and herb lead to medium-bodied fruit flavors, backed by tart acidity and firm, grainy tannins. The structure is lovely. It needs some time to stretch its legs, with the tannins giving a bigger impression than they often do from this vineyard. Best after 2024.

#### COMPETITIONS

Wine Press Northwest Platinum Judging, 2020	<i>Platinum</i>
Cascadia International Wine Competition, 2020	<i>Double Gold</i>
Sunset International Wine Competition, 2020	<i>Gold</i>