

L'Ecole

№ 41

TOP AWARDS AND REVIEWS

2018 Syrah Columbia Valley

90+ PTS

Vinous, Stephen Tanzer - December 2020

Bright ruby-red. Boysenberry, blackberry, violet, licorice and black pepper on the nose. Densely packed, lively and quite suave in the mouth, offering concentrated flavors of black fruits, spices and flowers but little gamey varietal funk; just a touch of herbs. Finishes with a firm dusting of tannins and very good length. Quite dry and classic if a bit youthfully medicinal and lacking in flamboyance, this wine needs another 6 to 12 months to harmonize and perhaps show a little more give. Still a bit stunted and youthfully medicinal but it may have sweeter material and more pliancy than the 2017.

90 PTS

JebDunnuck.com, Jeb Dunnuck - May 2021

Including 18% Grenache and 2% Mourvèdre, the 2018 Syrah Columbia Valley has a juicy, blackberry, peppery herb, and graphite-scented nose that carries to a medium-bodied, elegant, nicely concentrated and textured Syrah that's ideal for drinking over the coming 5-7 years. It builds nicely with time in the glass, and readers looking for a complex, lively, more Old World styled Syrah that still has plenty of fruit will love this.

90 PTS

Wine Enthusiast, Sean Sullivan - November 2020

Blended with 18% Grenache and 2% Mourvèdre, this red offers aromas of dark raspberry, huckleberry and dried herbs on the nose. There's a savory sense to the pillowy, soft flavors on the palate. It's high octane but keeps it all in check.

89 PTS

Wine Spectator, Tim Fish - June 2021

Sturdy and structured, with medium-bodied black raspberry and pepper flavors that finish with medium-grained tannins. Drink now through 2028.