

# L'École

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## TOP AWARDS AND REVIEWS

### 2018 Syrah, Estate Seven Hills Vineyard Walla Walla Valley

#### 95 PTS

*JamesSuckling.com, James Suckling* - June 2021

A nose of dark plums, smoke, dried herbs and peppercorn. It's full-bodied with fine tannins. Round and creamy with a velvety texture and great balance. An elegant syrah with finesse and character. Long finish. Very polished. Give it time. Better in 2023.

#### 94 PTS

*JebDunnuck.com, Jeb Dunnuck* - May 2021

I loved the 2018 Syrah Estate Seven Hills Vineyard (100% Syrah from an estate vineyard in Walla Walla), which has an exotic nose of mulberries, blackberries, camphor, violets, and flowery incense. With medium to full body, a round, layered texture, notable purity and precision, and a great finish, it's another beautiful Syrah from this team that I'd be happy to drink. It should keep for at least 10-12 years.

#### 93 PTS

*OwenBargreen.com, Owen Bargreen* - March 2021

Smoky, savory and delicious, the 2018 'Seven Hills Vineyard' Syrah shows off plenty of smoked meats with blackberry compote, black olives, tar and garrigue tones on the palate. Full-bodied and glorious in its hedonistic youth, this outstanding new Syrah will cellar well over the next eight to ten years. Drink 2021-2029.

#### 91 PTS

*Wine Spectator, Tim Fish* - October 2021

A handsome red, with a sense of zestiness, plus lively currant, crushed stone and olive tones that finish with medium-grained tannins. Drink now through 2028.

#### 90 PTS

*Wine Advocate, Anthony Mueller* - July 2021

Fermented in small oak barrels, 40% new, the 2018 Syrah Seven Hills Vineyard Estate opens to a nose with noticeable oak essence. It displays elements of vanilla, cardamom and nutmeg before dusty blackberry tones sway with aromas of black peppercorn, roasted herbs and black olive. Medium to full-bodied, the Syrah offers flavors of black plum skin, blackberry compote and red peppercorn with a firm mineral tension before tight, drying tannins express across the mid-palate. The wine ends with a juicy and dusty finish with a subtly spiced sensation to the aftertaste.

#### 90 PTS

*Wine Enthusiast, Sean Sullivan* - May 2021

The aromas offer notes of dark fruit, spice and dried herbs. Rich, full-bodied flavors follow, with bunched up tannins providing support. It's a no-holds-barred offering of the variety. Give it some time in the decanter.