90 points

**L’Ecole No. 41 2018 Estate Grown Merlot (Walla Walla Valley).** Equal parts Seven Hills and Ferguson Vineyard fruit, this wine is settling into the bottle. Still, there is immediate appeal to the aromas of raspberry, flower, cedar and spice. The palate paints around the edges initially, with the middle filling in over time. It’s almost tangy out of the gate, settling with time. The tannins give it a grainy structure. The pieces are all there but need time to come together. Best after 2024. —S.S.

*abv: 14.5%

*Price: $37*