

# L'Ecole

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TOP AWARDS AND REVIEWS

## 2018 Merlot Columbia Valley

### 93 PTS

*Decanter, Owen Bargreen* - August 2021

Ripe black plum and chocolate covered dark kirsch aromas dance with baking spices. The palate is refined and elegant with a terrific mouthfeel and outstanding length. Rich dark fruit flavours collide with minerals, smoke and chocolate cake notes. Drinking Window 2021 – 2035.

### 90 PTS, EDITORS' CHOICE

*Wine Enthusiast, Sean Sullivan* - August 2021

Ferguson, Seven Hills and Pepper Bridge fruit makes up 60% of this wine, with the balance from Candy Mountain, Dionysus, and Klipsun. The aromas aren't very giving out of the gate, opening to show notes of cocoa, raspberry and cherry. There's plenty of goodness to be found on the palate, which shows finesse, appeal and bountiful structure behind it all. It will have a long life ahead of it. As always with L'Ecole, quality and value are at the fore.

### 89 PTS

*JebDunnuck.com, Jeb Dunnuck* - May 2021

Always a great value, the 2018 Merlot Columbia Valley offers a ruby/purple hue as well as lots of red and black currant fruits intermixed with loamy earth, leafy herbs, and vanilla-laced oak. Rich and medium-bodied, it has a fleshy, round texture and terrific balance.