

L'Ecole

No 41

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.

91 PTS

Vinous, Owen Bargreen - March 2022

The 2018 Merlot Columbia Valley delivers some seriously good value. Rich black cherry compote and blackberry cordial tones combine with herbal accents on the palate. Enjoy this glorious wine now and over the next 8-10 years. Drinking Window 2021 – 2029.

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.

90 PTS

Wine Spectator, Tim Fish - June 2022

Straight-forward and appealing for its well-focused currant and dusty herb accents that finish with zesty tannins. Drink now through 2027.

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.