

L'Ecole

No 41

2019 Frenchtown - Red Wine Columbia Valley

WINEMAKER COMMENT

Frenchtown, Walla Walla Valley's first settlement, was founded by French Canadians in the early 1800s. A thriving viticulture and wine making community was established in the Valley in the 1860s. This Frenchtown wine salutes these pioneers. With the highest quality in mind, this blend offers exceptional value for its price.

VINTAGE

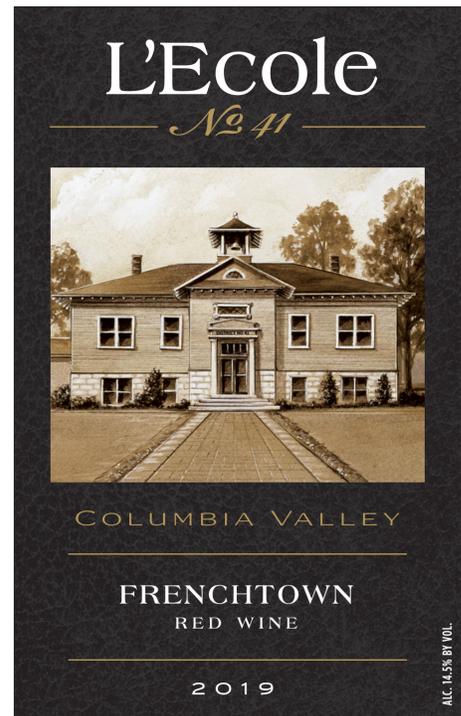
- An overall mild growing season and challenging harvest have nonetheless delivered a high-quality vintage for L'Ecole.
- A cold and snowy February/March delayed field pruning, resulting in budbreak late April to early May. A warm May accelerated canopy growth and the onset of bloom.
- Cooler July temperatures moderated heat unit accumulation with veraison delayed 7 to 10 days from normal. August brought customary warm weather, with only a few heat spikes over 100°F.
- A warm early September initiated a normal harvest, which was slowed due to slightly rainy and cooler conditions. A light frost at the end of September along with a forecast of more freezing weather on its way accelerated picking, with 60% of our fruit harvested the first two weeks of October.
- Freezing weather quickly brought the season to a close the second week of October.
- With delight, we are seeing beautiful and elegant wines, with high natural acidity, and impressive structure.

WINEMAKING

- Over 35 years of meticulous vineyard management and winemaking experience are fundamental to the quality of our wines and reputation for excellence.
- We are engaged in growing and making 100% of our wines.
- The wine was aged 9 months in primarily neutral oak barrels, then bottle aged 6 additional months prior to release.

TASTING NOTES

An excellent Frenchtown vintage showing bright fruit aromatics, from wild berries and black cherry to dark plum framed on a medium-bodied structure. An easy-drinking wine, its fruit-forward profile is accented by violets and savory thyme. Vivid flavors carry through to a delicious finish.



WINE DATA

Composition

79% BORDEAUX	21% RHONE
45% Merlot	17% Syrah
18% Cabernet Sauvignon	4% Grenache
10% Malbec	
6% Petit Verdot	

pH 3.76

Total Acidity 5.9 g/L

Alcohol 14.5%

Bottling Date AUGUST 11-13, 2020

Release Date APRIL 2021

Case Production 5,000