2018 Perigee, Estate Seven Hills Vineyard
Walla Walla Valley

WINEMAKER COMMENT
Our Estate Perigee captures the essence of Seven Hills Vineyard’s characteristic rich
elegance, seductive aromas, and earthy structure. L’Ecole has been producing wines from
Seven Hills Vineyard since 1993. We hand-select our oldest and most distinguished blocks to
produce this stunning, flagship wine.

SEVEN HILLS VINEYARD
L’Ecole N° 41 is a partner in the 170 acre acclaimed Seven Hills Vineyard, which is planted
in wind-blown loess of geologically young and mineral rich soils. Originally planted in 1981,
this Certified Sustainable and Salmon Safe vineyard was recognized as one of the Ten Great
Vineyards of the World by Wine & Spirits Magazine.

VINTAGE
- Perfect dry harvest weather extended hang-time resulting in rich color and vibrant fruit
  flavors, another great vintage for Washington State.
- A late bud-break in mid-April was followed by a warm May with rapid canopy growth.
  A quick, even bloom set a uniform and healthy crop. A cool June contributed to healthy
  berry growth.
- July and early August were warm, with occasional heat spikes. Canopies were managed
to avoid sunburn and irrigation was micromanaged. Intense cluster thinning was
required to control yields.
- Veraison tracked 2017 in Walla Walla and was slightly ahead in other regions of the state.
  A brief rainfall shifted early September into cooler weather leading to two months of
near perfect weather conditions for final fruit maturity.
- Higher sugars were balanced against higher acid levels and wonderfully intense color
  and tannin extraction, big fruit flavors, and overall balanced structure. Another strong
  Washington vintage.

WINEMAKING
- Over 35 years of meticulous vineyard management and winemaking experience are
  fundamental to the quality of our wines and reputation for excellence.
- Each lot was hand-harvested ripe and gently crushed into 1.5 and 5 ton open-topped
  stainless steel fermenters.
- Gentle handling of the fruit through hand punch downs and gravity-assisted movements
  were utilized throughout the entire winemaking process.
- The wine was cleanly racked to 100% small French oak barrels, 40% new, with four
  rackings over 22 months.

TASTING NOTES
Perigee epitomizes this Estate vineyard’s distinctive cedar and dark fruit, framed by a
structured elegance. It explodes with aromas of spiced blackberry and boysenberry, tobacco
and licorice, lifted by floral notes of violets and Provençal herbs. Velvety on the palate, it
concludes with a complex and silky finish.

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WINE DATA
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