

L'Ecole

No 41

TOP AWARDS AND REVIEWS

2018 Cabernet Sauvignon Walla Walla Valley

94 PTS

JamesSuckling.com, James Suckling - July 2021

Aromas of black fruit, chocolate and mint on the nose. Full-bodied with chewy tannins. Structured and juicy on the palate with an energetic, savory finish with length. Polished and linear at the end. Try after 2024.

93 PTS

JebDunnuck.com, Jeb Dunnuck - May 2021

All Cabernet brought up in 40% new French oak, the 2018 Cabernet Sauvignon Walla Walla Valley is slightly more expensive than the larger production Columbia Valley release, but I think it's a better wine in 2018. Beautiful cassis, tobacco, chocolate, and earth notes emerge on the nose, and it's medium to full-bodied, with a round, mouth-filling texture, plenty of chewy tannins, and a great finish. It shows the pure, elegant style of the vintage nicely and is going to deliver the goods over the coming 10-15 years.

93 PTS

OwenBargreen.com, Owen Bargreen - March 2021

A glorious 2018 Cabernet Sauvignon, you are immediately struck by the rich sagebrush and anise tones on the nose, with a great wall of dark fruits holding everything in place. The palate is very smooth with refined tannins that mingle with black raspberry cordial, cigar box, black currants and chocolate covered espresso bean flavors. The long finish lingers. Terrific to enjoy now, this beautiful wine will provide drinking enjoyment for at least another decade. Drink 2022-2037.

92 PTS, CELLAR SELECTION

Wine Enthusiast, Sean Sullivan - May 2021

Chocolate and cherry flavors rise up from the glass, with plenty of coffee, spice and dried herb accents along with them. The palate brings bountiful tannin along with a zing of acidity. There's a whole lot of structure here. It will have an extremely long life ahead of it. Best after 2028.

92 PTS, BEST BUY

Wine & Spirits, Patrick Comiskey - December 2021

From mostly estate sources, this wine starts off big-shouldered and grippy, with scents of menthol, only to fill in with a gorgeous briary plum fruit. It's plenty concentrated, with the grip for a charry, smoky steak, blue and bloody.

90 PTS

Wine Advocate, Anthony Mueller - July 2021

Beginning with an oak-driven and fresh-fruited nose, the 2018 Cabernet Sauvignon Walla Walla bursts from the glass with elements crème de cassis, vanilla and sweet oak tones before elements of dusty plum and dark cherry sway out of a glass with subtle floral tones. Medium to full-bodied, the oak expressions continue on the palate along with a persistent flavor of bitter black tea and firm tannins that grip the gumline. The wine concludes with a firm tannic edge and juicy black fruit essence. The wine rested for 22 months in all French oak, 40% new. Let this one rest for an additional year to 18 months before opening, and drink through this decade.