

# L'Ecole

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## TOP AWARDS AND REVIEWS

### 2018 Perigee, Estate Seven Hills Vineyard Walla Walla Valley

#### 95+ PTS

*JebDunnuck.com, Jeb Dunnuck* - May 2021

The 2018 Perigee Estate Seven Hills Vineyard reveals a Cabernet-driven style offering beautiful cassis fruits as well as tobacco leaf, wet stone, spring flowers, and freshly sharpened pencils. These all carry over to the palate, where the wine is medium to full-bodied and has a focused, concentrated, elegant texture, lots of ripe tannins, and a great finish. Young and unevolved at this stage (not unexpected), it will benefit from 4-5 years of bottle age and have 20+ years of prime drinking. It's a beautiful, classic Bordeaux blend from Washington that does everything right. The blend is 50% Cabernet Sauvignon, 16% each of Merlot and Cabernet Franc, and the balance Petit Verdot and Malbec, all brought up in 40% new French oak.

#### 94 PTS

*Wine & Spirits, Patrick Comiskey* - December 2021

Working on the first vintages of Perigee, Marty Clubb and his winemaking team learned to craft a winery statement through the lens of a single vineyard, and, for me, the wine has become iconic, a definitive expression of Walla Walla's terroir. In 2018, it doesn't disappoint: The first three words in my notes are tobacco, sundried tomato and plum, words which describe great wines of Seven Hills, and a great many Walla Walla reds, the coolness of herb bathed in dark red fruit, warm, dense, tannic, powerful, classic, winking at France, glancing at California, wholly its own self.

#### 94 PTS

*JamesSuckling.com, James Suckling* - July 2021

Notes of blackberries and dark plums with cedar and earthy undertones. It's full-bodied with firm tannins. Full and juicy with structure and good balance. Long, supple finish. A blend of 50% cabernet sauvignon, 16% merlot, 16% cabernet franc, 9% petit verdot and 9% malbec. Drink in 2023.

#### 93 PTS

*Wine Advocate, Anthony Mueller* - July 2021

The 2018 Perigee Seven Hills Vineyard Estate is a blend of 50% Cabernet Sauvignon, 16% Merlot, 16% Cabernet Franc, 9% Petit Verdot and 9% Malbec. The nose is instantly impressive with elements of French oak and baking spices that waft with dusty and juicy dark fruit tones. Medium to full-bodied, the palate is silky, displaying fine-grained tannins with a juicy essence of black raspberry, dark cherry and bitter dark chocolate before showcasing flavors of vanilla bean and blackberry skin. It ends with a long-lingering finish that continues to evolve with persistence in the mouth. It's an absolutely delightful wine that delivers well for the price. It was fermented in small French barrels, 40% new, and allowed to rest for 22 months before bottling. 14,400 bottles were produced. Give it a try.

#### 91 PTS, CELLAR SELECTION

*Wine Enthusiast, Sean Sullivan* - October 2021

Reserved aromas of licorice, plum, chocolate, cherry and spice are followed by enveloping dark-fruit flavors. It brings a lot of midpalate density that ups the appeal.

#### COMPETITIONS

Santé Int'l Wine & Spirits, 2021 *95 pts, Double Gold, Best of Class*