

L'Ecole

No 41

TOP AWARDS AND REVIEWS

2019 Ferguson, Estate Ferguson Vineyard Walla Walla Valley

96 PTS

JamesSuckling.com, James Suckling - April 2022

Inviting aromas of juicy and ripe red fruit, ground spice and sweet tobacco on the nose. Full-bodied with fruit-soaked, fine tannins. Excellent structure and composure here. Ripe fruit is complimented by leather, tobacco and toasted herbs. Complex and dynamic with real clarity. Wonderful. 51% cabernet sauvignon, 25% merlot, 12% cabernet franc, 6% malbec and 6% petit verdot. Sustainable. Best after 2024 and onward.

94 PTS

Wine & Spirits, Patrick Comiskey - February 2022

In just ten short years, L'Ecole's Ferguson bottling has gone from a project on a hill to the brand's flagship. This blend is about one-half cabernet sauvignon, with merlot, cabernet franc, malbec and petit verdot grown on a high, windswept ridge of basalt. The site rendered fruit of exceptional depth and concentration in 2019. It leads with scents of leather and tobacco leaf, and you get the sense that you can smell the basalt in the glass. The texture is firm, the wine powerful, delivering saturated flavors of dark cherries and the sweet graham-cracker scent of oak. It ends on a gripping, scudding minerality that gives the wine exceptional length and breadth.

93 PTS, CELLAR SELECTION

Wine Enthusiast, Sean Sullivan - February/March 2022

This is a blend of 51% Cabernet Sauvignon, 25% Merlot, 12% Cabernet Franc, 6% Malbec and 6% Petit Verdot. The aromas pop, with notes of blackberry, black cherry, mineral and cinnamon stick. The palate brings a mouthful of fruit flavor, with so much plumpness it almost hides all of the structure that's behind it, but there is plenty. It reflects the vintage well, showing freshness, depth of flavor and polish. Hold until 2029 to see it at its best.

91 PTS

Wine Spectator, Tim Fish - May 2022

Focused and trim, with dense currant, tobacco and espresso flavors that gather tension toward sturdy tannins. Needs time. Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Cabernet Franc, Malbec and Petit Verdot. Best from 2023 through 2030.