

# L'Ecole

## No. 41

### 2019 Cabernet Sauvignon Walla Walla Valley

#### WINEMAKER COMMENT

This wine is a blend sourced from prestigious vineyard sites representing four unique soil types in the Walla Walla Valley. Its old-world structure, dense dark fruit flavors and elegant tannins exemplify the best of Walla Walla.

#### VINEYARDS

This Cabernet Sauvignon reflects the diversity of terroir in the Walla Walla Valley from vineyards planted in:

**Fractured basalt** – Estate Ferguson

**Loess over ice-age flood silts** – Summit View & Pepper Bridge

**Wind-blown loess** – Estate Seven Hills & Loess

**The Rocks** – Yellow Jacket & Waliser

#### VINTAGE

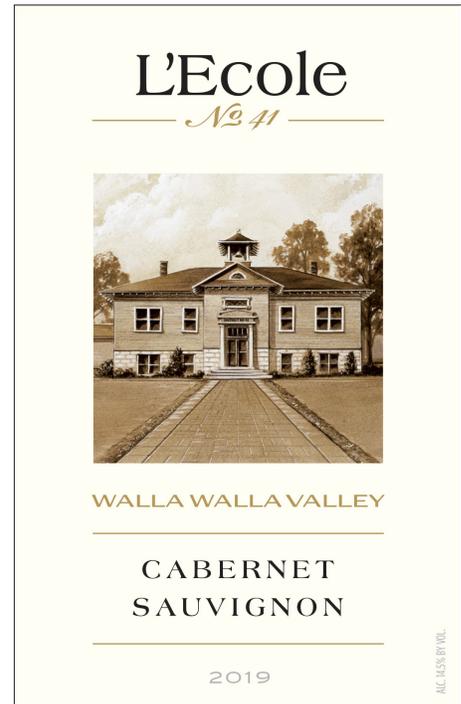
- An overall mild growing season and challenging harvest have nonetheless delivered a high-quality vintage for L'Ecole.
- A cold and snowy February/March delayed field pruning, resulting in budbreak late April to early May. A warm May accelerated canopy growth and the onset of bloom.
- Cooler July temperatures 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 36 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 ton 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 entirely to small French oak barrels, 35% new, and was barrel-aged for 18 months.

#### TASTING NOTES

*Beautifully structured and polished, this stylish Cabernet immediately impresses with its aromatic purity, displaying dark fruits, espresso, savory cigar box, and graphite with hints of rose and black currant. In the mouth, fresh flavors of black plum, blackberry, and lavender give way to a robust, brooding finish.*



#### HARVEST DATA

Harvest Dates	SEPTEMBER 27 - OCTOBER 17, 2019
Average tons/acre	3.0
Average Brix	25.0°
Average pH	3.16
Average Acidity	7.4 g/L

#### WINE DATA

Composition	100% CABERNET SAUVIGNON
pH	3.79
Total Acidity	6.1 g/L
Alcohol	14.5%
Bottling Date	JUNE 25, 2021
Release	SPRING 2022
Case Production	2,075