

L'Ecole

N° 41

2021 Luminesce, Estate Seven Hills Vineyard Walla Walla Valley

WINEMAKER COMMENT

Luminesce is our white Bordeaux blend, perfectly balanced by the rich fruit profile of Semillon and the crisp, floral, and mineral notes of the Sauvignon Blanc. This is a unique wine for L'Ecole since it's produced exclusively with fruit from our Estate Seven Hills vineyard.

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

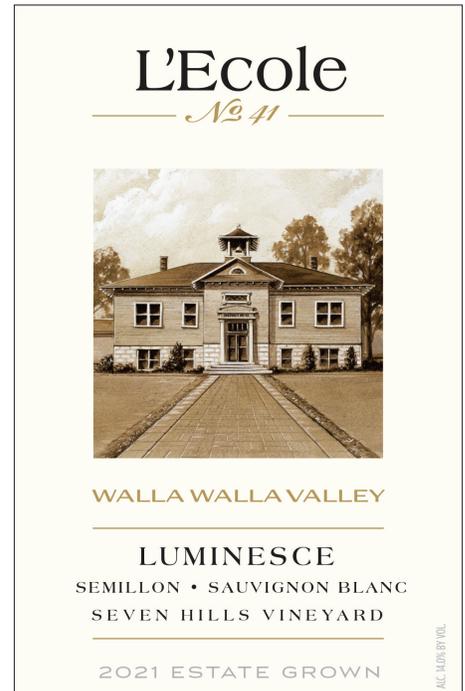
- A hot season yielded to cooler ripening weather during the fall resulting in unusually low yields, intense concentration, high acidity, and outstanding quality in what will likely become a memorable vintage.
- Bud break was average with a 10-day stretch of cold nights putting growers on frost watch.
- Warm spring conditions led to an early bloom, followed by a heat dome with record high temps in late June contributing to lower yields at the end of the season. Summer heat resulted in one of the hottest vintages on record, similar to 2015.
- Harvest started in late August with ideal fall weather leading to a balanced fruit ripening.
- Small berries, low yields, and cool harvest weather produced an outstanding quality vintage.

WINEMAKING

- Nearly 40 years of meticulous vineyard management and winemaking experience are the foundation of our quality and reputation for excellence.
- The grapes were harvested in the early morning hours, and promptly delivered to the winery for whole-cluster pressing, with measures taken to retain fruit aromatics.
- Juice was settled overnight and racked to French oak barrels, mostly neutral, for a slow, cool fermentation.
- Sur lie aging for seven months with bi-weekly lees stirring contributed weight and complexity.
- Before bottling, the wine underwent gentle fining and filtering.

TASTING NOTES

Bright and mouth-filling, our Estate Luminesce displays expressive aromas of stone fruit, citrus blossom, key lime, and gooseberries accented by a delicate spiciness. On the palate, flavors of fresh peach, honeydew melon, and lemon tart mingle with exotic jasmine and minerality, building to a fresh, persistent finish.



HARVEST DATA

Harvest Dates	AUGUST 26 - 27, 2021
Average Brix	23.4°
Average pH	3.24
Average Acidity	6.2 g/L

WINE DATA

Composition	70% SEMILLON, 30% SAUVIGNON BLANC
pH	3.49
Total Acidity	6.7 g/L
Alcohol	14.0%
Bottling Date	MAY 9, 2022
Release	SUMMER 2022
Case Production	1,150