

# L'Ecole

No 41

## 2019 Cabernet Sauvignon, Summit View Vineyard Walla Walla Valley

### WINEMAKER COMMENT

This wine is a 100% Cabernet Sauvignon sourced from blocks B2 and F1 of the prestigious Summit View Vineyard, reflecting the unique terroir expression of its microclimate and geological site. Its powerful structure, rich mouthfeel, and graceful finish make it a captivating, cellar-worthy wine.

### SUMMIT VIEW VINEYARD

As part of the SeVein vineyard development, Summit View Vineyard sits at a 1,200-foot elevation and consists of wind-blown loess overlying its hillside basalt formation. Planted in 2009, this own-rooted Clone 191 Cabernet Sauvignon is naturally low-yielding and exhibits pure varietal expression. The vineyard is Certified Sustainable and Certified Salmon Safe.

### VINTAGE

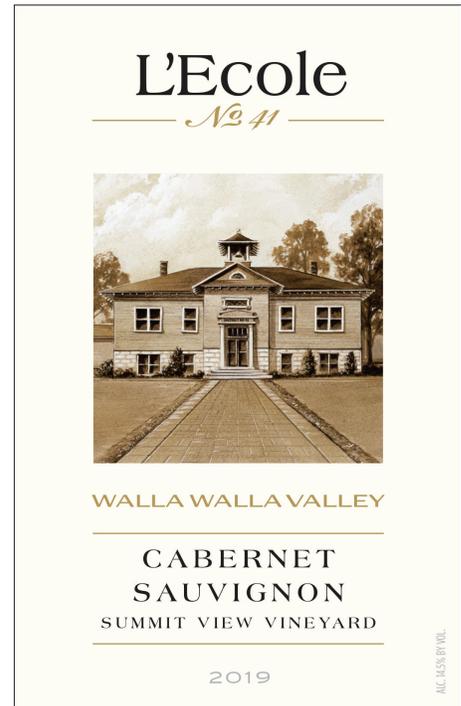
- An overall mild growing season and challenging harvest have nonetheless delivered a high-quality vintage for L'Ecole.
- A cold and snowy February/March delayed field pruning, resulting in budbreak late April to early May. A warm May accelerated canopy growth and the onset of bloom.
- Cooler July temperatures 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

- Nearly 40 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 and gently crushed into 1.5 ton open-topped 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 to 100% small French oak barrels with 40% new and barrel-aged for 22 months. Blending occurred in the spring following its vinification and the wine was gently filtered prior to bottling.

### TASTING NOTES

*This small production Cabernet displays aromas of brooding dark fruit, mocha, black olive, and bay leaf. On the palate, it displays a dichotomy of power and grace. Persistent tannins frame flavors of blackberry and graphite leading to an elegantly polished and compelling finish.*



### HARVEST DATA

Harvest Dates	SEPTEMBER 27 & OCTOBER 9, 2019
Average tons/acre	3.46
Average Brix	25.9°
Average pH	3.21
Average Acidity	7.1 g/L

### WINE DATA

Composition	100% CABERNET SAUVIGNON
pH	3.88
Total Acidity	5.9 g/L
Alcohol	14.5%
Bottling Date	JUNE 24, 2021
Release	FALL 2022
Case Production	390