

L'Ecole

No. 41

TOP AWARDS AND REVIEWS

2020 Syrah, Estate Seven Hills Vineyard Walla Walla Valley

94 PTS

JamesSuckling.com, Andrii Stetsiuk - May 2023

Aromas of plums and brambleberries, together with cured meat, ground peppercorn and cherry chocolate. Full-bodied, firm and little tight on the palate, with a deep core of purple fruit, coated with layers of finely polished tannins. Long and persistent with a velvety finish. Better after 2024.

93 PTS

Wine Spectator, Tim Fish - October 2023

Dynamic and well-structured, with handsome blackberry, stony mineral and espresso flavors that take on tension and detail toward medium-grained tannins. Drink now through 2031.

93 PTS

OwenBargreen.com, Owen Bargreen - September 2022

Delicious and savory, this saw roughly 10% stem inclusion as the 2020 L'Ecole No. 41 'Estate Seven Hills Vineyard' Syrah was stored in 25% new French oak before bottling. The wine shows off a beautiful texture, with rich boysenberry, tar and roasted date flavors, with brisket undertones. The loamy, salty soil accents add to the enjoyment, as this is best consumed over the next eight plus years. Drink 2022-2030.

91 PTS

Wine & Spirits, Patrick Comiskey - February 2023

Dusty and granular, its olive and red-fruit malange feels like Seven Hills to a 't': scents of red cherries and a pithy texture reflect windy grip and focus to this dark, high-tannin red. For barbecue.

91 PTS

Wine Enthusiast, Michael Albery - July 2023

Restraint and finesse win the day with this pretty Syrah. Fruit-forward aromas of dried strawberries and ripe black cherries unite with bits of leather and violets. Brawny tannins support copious amounts of blackberries and bacon fat.

91 PTS

Vinous, Eric Guido - May 2023

Darkly floral and refined, the 2020 Syrah Estate Seven Hills Vineyard opens slowly with a dusting of exotic spice and earth tones, giving way to dried blackberries and ashen stones. This is like pure silk on the palate, seamless, without a hard edge in sight, with polished red and black fruits elevated by a pinch of sour citrus toward the close. It finishes with medium length and is only lightly structured, leaving a licorice tinge as minty herbal tones slowly taper off. The 2020 shows the soft nature of the vintage yet without sparring complexity.