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TOP AWARDS AND REVIEWS

2020 40th Anniversary Red Wine Walla Walla Valley

95 PTS

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Showing off the iconic schoolhouse label that I enjoyed for more than a decade prior to my writing career, the 2020 'Walla Walla Valley 40th Anniversary' blends Seven Hills and Pepper Bridge fruit and is mostly Merlot (50%) with the remainder Cabernet Franc and Cabernet Sauvignon. The wine comes together pillowy and soft with a seamless texture and glorious sense of length. Bright black currants and blackberry tones combine with shades of creosote, garrigue and coffee grounds on the palate. This is seriously good stuff that is best enjoyed after a one to two hour decant. Drink 2023-2030.

19+/20 (95) PTS

Rand Sealey's Review of Washington Wine - April 2023

This features Baker and Jean Ferguson's original Schoolhouse label. Composed of 50% Merlot, 30% Cabernet Sauvignon and 20% Cabernet Franc, it presents a deep ruby-crimson color and intoxicating aromas of blackberries, Bing cherries, black currants, plum and a bit of fig, with scents of crushed black roses, pipe tobacco, cedar, sandalwood, rosemary, sage, violets and stick incense. The flavors, as well, are dramatic, with copious black and red fruits that are infused with licorice, dark cocoa, French roast and silt and loam minerals. The saturation continues on the back with macerated berries, roasted nuts, mocha, kirsch and crème de cassis liqueurs and graphite, followed by a lengthy firm yet ripe sweet-dry tannin finish. The range of flavors gives it a plus.