

L'Ecole

No. 41

2021 Cabernet Sauvignon Walla Walla Valley

WINEMAKER COMMENT

This wine is sourced from prestigious vineyard sites representing three 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:

Loess over ice-age flood silts – Pepper Bridge

Wind-blown loess – Estate Seven Hills, Summit View, & Eritage

Alluvial gravel "The Rocks" – Yellow Jacket & Waliser

VINTAGE

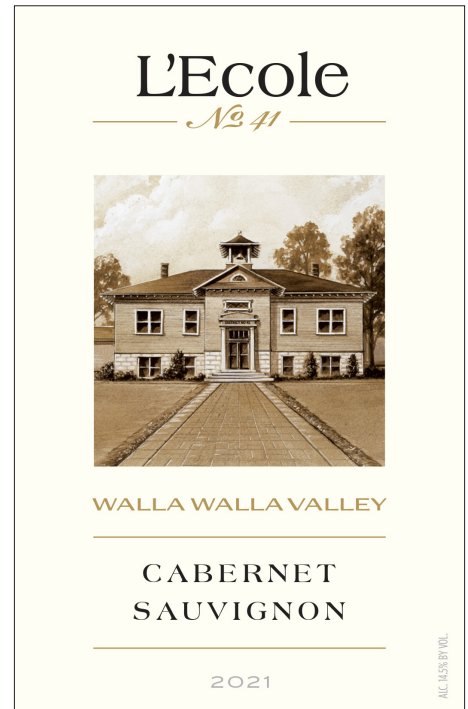
- A hot season yielded to cooler ripening weather during the fall resulting in unusually low yields, intense concentration, high acidity, and outstanding quality in what will likely become a memorable vintage.
- Bud break was average with a 10-day stretch of cold nights putting growers on frost watch.
- 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

- Over 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 ripe and gently crushed into 1.5 and 5-ton open-topped stainless-steel fermenters.
- Gentle handling of the fruit through hand punch downs and gravity-assisted movements was utilized throughout the entire winemaking process.
- The wine was cleanly racked to small French oak barrels, 25% new, and barrel-aged for 22 months.

TASTING NOTES

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



HARVEST DATA

Harvest Dates	SEPTEMBER 11 - OCTOBER 8, 2021
Average tons/acre	1.88
Average Brix	25.9°
Average pH	3.35
Average Acidity	5.8 g/L

WINE DATA

Composition	100% CABERNET SAUVIGNON
pH	3.77
Total Acidity	6.3 g/L
Alcohol	14.5%
Bottling Date	JUNE 26 - 27, 2023
Release	SUMMER 2024
Case Production	2,050