L'Ecole

№ 41

TOP AWARDS AND REVIEWS

2023 Ferguson, Estate Ferguson Vineyard
Walla Walla Valley

98 PTS

James Suckling, Courtney Humiston - April 2026

This is a wonderful wine with aromas of red and purple flowers, iodine and minerals. Good mid-palate concentration, fine tannins and fresh acidity. Flavors of red and black fruit, with some pleasing orange bitters and crushed roses in the finish. From a single plot on basalt soil. Built to age but drinkable now.

98 PTS

AnthonyMueller.com, Anthony Mueller - September 2026

A firm, layered, and refined wine, the 2023 Ferguson is round, tight, and very fine. It has plenty of staying power but is just youthful right now. It needs time, so be patient. Very food-friendly. Drink 2030-2050.

98 PTS

OwenBargreen.com, Owen Bargreen - July 2026

A glorious wine from this warm vintage, the 2023 L'Ecole № 41 'Ferguson Vineyard' Red Wine has 21% Merlot, 12% Cabernet Franc, 9% Malbec, and 4% Petit Verdot blended in. Stored in roughly 40% new French oak for 22 months, this delivers great rocky soil character on the nose alongside purple rose petals, Chinese black tea, and suggestions of black currant cordial. The palate is deep, rich, and viscous, with tremendous verve, weight, and length. It is seamless throughout the drinking experience, as refined tannins frame a gorgeous array of black and blue fruits. A total stunner, with serious mouth-watering acidity and rocky soil character, enjoy this beautiful wine now and over the next twenty years to come. Drink 2026–2046.

95 PTS, CELLAR STOCKER

Northwest Wine Report, Sean P. Sullivan - August 2026

This is L'Ecole's flagship wine, and this vintage carries that flag high. A blend of Cabernet Sauvignon (53%), Merlot (21%), Cabernet Franc (12%), Malbec (9%), and Petit Verdot, it was aged 22 months in French oak (45% new). The aromas are brooding initially, opening to reveal notes of coffee, plum, herb, purple flower, and red and black fruit. The palate is pulled back, restrained, and supple. Bright acid surrounds it, making it all vivid. Firm tannins back it up. A long finish caps it off. It's quietly beautiful, the best offering of this wine to date. Additional time in bottle is an absolute requirement. Best from 2032 to 2043.

94 PTS

Jeb Dunnuck, Virginie Boone - April 2026

Bursting in a generosity of black fruit and firm yet subdued tannin, the always outstanding 2023 Estate Ferguson Vineyard is full of tension and complexity yet rounded in mouthfeel. The vineyard sits at high elevation up to 1,450 feet and the grapes are sourced by L'Ecole only. With 53% Cabernet Sauvignon, 21% Merlot, 12% Cabernet Franc, 9% Malbec, and 5% Petit Verdot, it's a highly refined wine with excellent balance and a salty, leathery, herbal character with underlying red fruit. Hold and drink 2030-2040.