

## L'ECOLE NO. 41 LUMINESCE WHITE BLEND 2019/\$22.99



### DESCRIPTION

L'Ecole N° 41 is a third-generation family-owned, artisan winery located in the historic Frenchtown School depicted on the label. Founded in 1983, they were the third winery established in the Walla Walla Valley. They have become one of the most prominent and visible Walla Walla Valley wineries with national and international distribution.

Their focus is to produce ultra-premium, distinctive wines that reflect the unmistakable typicity of Washington State and the unique terroir of their Walla Walla Valley vineyards. Each bottle is handcrafted with a commitment to quality in the vineyards and the winery. More than four decades of winemaking experience, ongoing investments in their Walla Walla Estate Ferguson and Seven Hills Vineyards, and long-term relationships with many of the most prominent vineyards in Washington State are central to their well-known reputation for quality and consistency across their wine portfolio.

Today they are at the forefront of sustainable farming in the Walla Walla Valley, notably with their Estate Ferguson and Estate Seven Hills Vineyards, both of which are certified sustainable and certified Salmon Safe.

L'Ecole is one of the most honored wineries in Washington State and has garnered national and international accolades over the years for producing superior quality wines. They are proud to be recognized by *Wine & Spirits Magazine* as a Top 100 Winery of the Year sixteen times. In 2014, *Decanter* awarded their 2011 Estate Ferguson the International Trophy for Best Bordeaux Blend in the World! In 2016, the 2013 Ferguson won the International Trophy for Best New World Bordeaux Blend from Six Nations Wine Challenge. In 2022, the 2019 Es-

tate Perigee was named Best New World Bordeaux Blend at the Global Fine Wine Challenge. Marty Clubb is Managing Winemaker and Co-Owner of L'École N° 41 with his wife, Megan, and children, Riley and Rebecca. This family-owned artisan winery was founded by Megan's parents, Jean and Baker Ferguson, in 1983. While Jean and Baker were launching the winery, Marty and Megan were newly married and starting their business careers in San Francisco. During the early winery years, they returned in the fall to assist Jean and Baker with harvest activities.

In 1989, Marty and Megan took a leap of faith and moved to Walla Walla permanently, where Marty assumed responsibilities as manager and winemaker of L'École. Since that time, he has led L'École to become one of the most respected wineries in Washington State. Marty, along with Norm McKibben (Pepper Bridge Winery) and Gary Figgins (Leonetti Cellar) were early viticulture pioneers in the Walla Walla Valley. In 1997, they partnered to begin the 170 acre expansion of Seven Hills Vineyard. In the mid-2000s, they partnered once again in the adjacent 1,800 acre vineyard development, SeVein, home to L'École's newest Estate Ferguson Vineyard.

Marty's ongoing dedication and commitment to our wine industry is evident in his many leadership roles. He has served nearly 30 years on the boards of various wine industry associations, including the Washington Wine Commission. He is currently President and Director of the Washington Wine Institute, and Vice Chair of Wine America. Marty was instrumental in the founding of the Walla Walla Valley Wine Alliance, serving as its first President. He worked with other industry pioneers in the development of the Walla Walla Community College Center for Enology and Viticulture and continues serving in an advisory role.

Megan Clubb is Chairman of the Board of Baker Boyer Bank in Walla Walla. The bank was established by her family in 1869 making it the oldest banking institution in Washington State. Marty and Megan's adult children, Riley and Rebecca, have both been involved in winery operations and represent the third generation of L'École!

Baker & Jean Ferguson were respected pioneers of the nascent Washington State wine industry when they founded L'École N° 41 in 1983 – their retirement project! L'École was the third winery in Walla Walla and the twentieth commercial winery in the State. Baker and Jean's shared passion for wine and belief in Washington State as a premier wine growing region, drove their decision to establish L'École. Their first vintage of Merlot in 1983 won the only Gold Medal issued by the 1986 Pacific Northwest Enological Society. With that first vintage, a tradition of excellence was established at L'École which resonates in all facets of our business today.

### **L'ÉCOLE NO. 41 LUMINESCE WHITE BLEND 2019**

Seven Hills Vineyard is planted in the wind-blown loess of geologically young, mineral rich soils. It is one of the oldest and most renowned vineyards in the Walla Walla Valley.

For our 2019 vintage, a 50/50 blend of Semillon and Sauvignon Blanc strikes the perfect balance of these two classic varietals. Sauvignon Blanc's crisp floral, mineral notes accent Semillon's richness, with lush tropical flavors & enticing honeysuckle notes.

## Tasting Notes

### **Nose:**

Bright yet rich, our Estate Luminesce features pronounced aromas of lemon zest, lime blossom, and lanolin, accented with faint spice notes.

### **Palate:**

Its exotic and fragrant palate, with white peach and lemon tart, is laced with notes of jasmine and a hint of salinity, building to a persistent, tangy finish.

### **Pairing:**

Sauvignon Blanc & Semillon blended wines are very versatile and can work gracefully with a variety of different food combinations. As a general rule of thumb, these wines will pair well with any white fish and seafood dishes. Also, it pairs well with light appetizers, salads, and vegetarian dishes.

## Fun Facts

About the same size as the Napa Valley, Walla Walla is buttressed against the beautiful Blue Mountains on the east, Vansycle basalt ridge on the south, and rolling Palouse Hills to the north. Walla Walla means "many waters" and was the name of the local Native Americans.

**Winery Website:** [Home - L'Ecole No 41 \(lecole.com\)](http://lecole.com)

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