

L'Ecole

No 41

2021 Frenchtown - Red Wine Columbia Valley

WINEMAKER COMMENT

Frenchtown, Walla Walla Valley's first settlement, was founded by French Canadians in the early 1800s. A thriving viticulture and winemaking community was established in the Valley in the 1860s. This Frenchtown wine salutes these pioneers. With the highest quality in mind, this blend offers exceptional value for its price.

VINTAGE

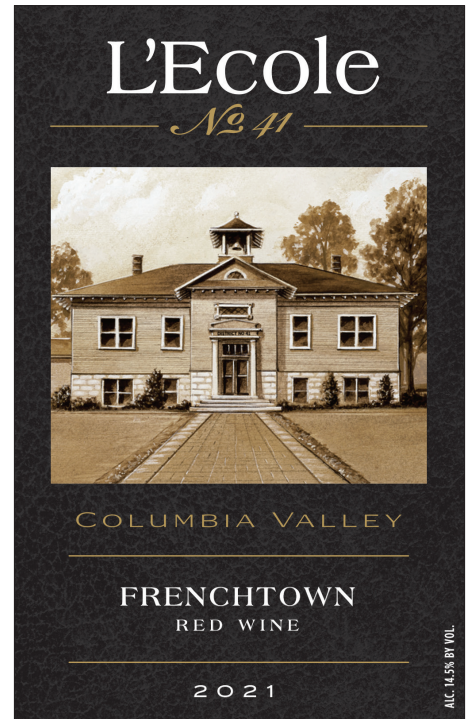
- A hot season yielded to cooler ripening weather during the fall resulting in unusually low yields, intense concentration, high acidity, and outstanding quality in what will likely become a memorable vintage.
- Bud break was average with a 10-day stretch of cold nights putting growers on frost watch.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

- 40 years of meticulous vineyard management and winemaking experience are fundamental to the quality of our wines and reputation for excellence.
- The wine was aged 9 months in primarily neutral oak barrels.

TASTING NOTES

An excellent Frenchtown vintage showing a bright, fresh fruit-forward profile of black cherry, blueberry, blackberry, and plum accented by violet floral notes. This easy-drinking wine has vivid fruit and spice flavors framed by a medium-bodied structure, leading to a balanced and lengthy finish.



WINE DATA

Composition

75% BORDEAUX	25% RHONE
50% Merlot	20% Syrah
17% Cabernet Sauvignon	4% Grenache
3% Malbec	1% Mourvèdre
3% Cabernet Franc	
2% Petit Verdot	

pH 3.82

Total Acidity 5.7 g/L

Alcohol 14.5%

Bottling Date AUGUST 8-11, 2022

Release WINTER 2023

Case Production 6,350