

# L'Ecole

## Nº 41

### 2021 Chenin Blanc Old Vines Yakima Valley

#### WINEMAKER COMMENT

L'Ecole Nº 41 has produced this old vine, crisp, and aromatic Vouvray-style Chenin Blanc since 1987.

#### VINEYARDS

Willard Farms, Yakima Valley, planted 1979

Upland Vineyard, Snipes Mountain, Yakima Valley, planted 1979

Phil Church, Yakima Valley, planted in 1979

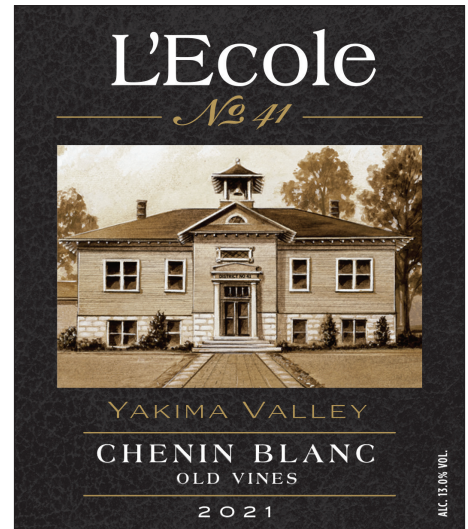
#### VINTAGE

- 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 (above 115°F), stunting berry cell growth and contributing to low potential yields. Summer heat resulted in one of the hottest vintages on record, similar to 2015.
- Harvest started in late August, and despite ideal fall weather resulted in a tightly compressed harvest.
- Small berries, low yields, and cool harvest weather produced an outstanding quality vintage.

#### WINEMAKING

- Nearly 40 years of meticulous vineyard management and winemaking experience are the foundation of our quality and reputation for excellence.
- The grapes were harvested in the cool mornings hours and promptly delivered to the winery and gently pressed in the absence of oxygen.
- The juice was settled, then transferred to ferment at cool temperatures in stainless steel tank. It underwent a partial malolactic fermentation (30%) to soften the texture of the wine.
- The wine was cold stabilized and filtered prior to bottling.

SUGGESTED RETAIL \$18.00



#### HARVEST DATA

<i>Harvest Dates</i>	SEPTEMBER 17 - 27, 2021
<i>Average Brix</i>	23.0°
<i>Average pH</i>	3.23
<i>Average Acidity</i>	8.8 g/L

#### WINE DATA

<i>Composition</i>	100% CHENIN BLANC
<i>pH</i>	3.56
<i>Total Acidity</i>	6.5 g/L
<i>Residual Sugar</i>	0.0 g/L
<i>Alcohol</i>	13.0%
<i>Bottling Date</i>	FEBRUARY 21-23, 2022
<i>Release</i>	SPRING 2022
<i>Case Production</i>	4,150