

2014 Estate Ferguson

Ferguson Vineyard · Walla Walla Valley

95 points, The Wine Advocate, www.RobertParker.com,
June 2017

"My favorite of the three special cuvees, the 2014 Ferguson checks in as a blend of 56% Cabernet Sauvignon, 32% Merlot, 6% Cabernet Franc and 6% Malbec. It knocks it out of the park with its dark, savory, mineral-laced fruit and is full-bodied, deep, rich and concentrated on the palate. This beautiful wine has building structure and ripe tannin, and it's going to have two decades or more of longevity." – Jeb Dunnuck

93+ points - Stephen Tanzer, *Vinous*, October 2017

"Bright medium ruby. Rich, complex scents of blackcurrant, minerals, chocolate, wild herbs, cedar, tobacco and smoky oak. Fat and sweet but juicy too, showing lovely mineral energy to the dark fruit and tobacco flavors. A floral component adds lift and dimension to the wine. Dusty noble tannins reach the front teeth. This is still a baby but is not at all austere even today. Clubb noted that winemaker Mike Sharon is especially gentle with this wine as it's very easy to overextract." – Stephen Tanzer

92 points, Wine Enthusiast, www.winemag.com,
September 2017

"This wine comes from a recently planted area of valley, high on a ridge top. A blend of 56% Cabernet Sauvignon, 32% Merlot, 6% Cabernet Franc and 6% Malbec, the aromas boast high-toned notes of mineral, herb, cherry, licorice and dark fruit. The cranberry and cherry flavors bring a sense of concentration and richness. It shows well now, but should only get better with some additional time in the bottle."
– Sean Sullivan

91 points, Year's Best US Cabernet & Blends – Wine & Spirits,
www.wineandspiritsmagazine.com, December 2017

"A young wine from a warm vintage, this blend focuses on cabernet sauvignon (56 percent) and merlot from L'Ecole's dramatic planting above Seven Hills, a parcel of the Sevein project. It's dark and brooding, overlaid with scents of cedar and clove. With air the wine's frame comes into view, firm and tannic, as if the grape skins had been whipped by the wind. The structure is moored to dark, basaltic, mineral tannins. Impressive, and nowhere near ready to drink."
– Patrick J. Comiskey

90 points – Decanter World Wine Awards 2017,
<https://awards.decanter.com>

"Red/black fruit and barrel spice aromatics. The palate is full bodied with lots of juicy acidity. A harmonious wine with grip and persistence. Lots of potential." – DWWA Judges

19.5/20 points - Rand Sealey's Review of Washington Wines,
May 2017, www.reviewofwashingtonwines.com

"Composed of 56% Cabernet Sauvignon, 32% Merlot and 6% each of Cabernet Sauvignon and Malbec, this wine offers a deep, brilliant ruby color and an intoxicating nose of wild blackberries, cherries, cassis, crushed roses, lavender, tobacco, sandalwood and smoldering incense. On the palate, the dark fruit flavors are deep and penetrating, interlayered with licorice, dark chocolate, espresso, and fractured basalt minerals. The penetration continues on the back with macerated berries, roasted walnuts, toffee, moderate oak (50% new French) and pulverized graphite. The finish is long and powerful, with firm, yet ripe tannins and dustings of nutmeg, clove and rosemary." – Rand Sealey

Medals & Competitions

Silver – Decanter World Wine Awards, 2017

Silver – TEXSOM International Wine Awards, 2017

Bronze – Sunset International Wine Competition, 2017

Bronze – San Francisco Chronicle Wine Competition, 2017