



# UNCORKED BY THE SEA



Cellar Club May 2021

## 2017 L'Ecole 41 Syrah- Columbia Valley, Washington

The largest appellation in eastern Washington is the Columbia Valley. Washington State's winegrowing region is ideally suited to maximize the full expression of Syrah. L'Ecole is one of Washington State's most iconic and oldest family-owned wineries, housed in the historic Frenchtown School depicted on their label. L'Ecole has garnered national and international recognition over the years for producing superior quality wines, and has been awarded one of the Top 100 Wineries of the Year-15 times by *Wine & Spirits Magazine*. The growing region in Washington State is ideally suited to maximize the full expression of Syrah. This wine is 77% Syrah, 21% Grenache and 2% Mourvedre. Reserved aromas of herbs, raspberry jam, barrel spice and blue fruit lead to ripe, extracted red and blue fruit flavors. Dark, robust and spicy, this full-bodied Syrah shows rich flavors of black & blue berries, peppercorn, and licorice through an earthy finish. The tannins initially bring some grip, needing time to settle in, but once it does it delivers a big, fruit-filled punch. Decant, or hold until 2022. 89 PTS WE

Pairings: Barbecue spareribs, braised beef, barbecued chicken, duck, grilled meats and vegetables, hamburgers, and roast leg of lamb. Cheese, especially aged hard cheeses.

## 2018 Carneros Springs Cabernet- Napa, California

Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignons are consistently excellent wines but it takes a special skill bordering on art to source and blend these wines to make them truly exceptional. Often the top producers are caught with an excess of stock. This happened during the recent COVID-19 induced recession. These top name wineries will discreetly offer these fine wines to an insider market through agents and brokers who are trusted for their discreetness. They work closely with one of these most trusted and active intermediaries who is also a master wine blender to find the highest quality Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon that you can put in a bottle. Of course, Appellation Adventures is sworn to secrecy as these renowned vineyards would not want the public to know. Carneros Springs Cabernet Sauvignon is one of these wines, mostly Cabernet Sauvignon (82%) with 5% Cabernet Franc, 4% Merlot, 4% Petite Verdot, 3% Malbec and 2% Petite Syrah. It is made in the celebrated style of Napa Valley –famous for its rich, luscious texture and concentrated layers of sweet, dark fruit, perfectly integrated with toasted French oak. Vibrant & fresh with a silky texture, this Cabernet Sauvignon is a joy to drink now, but will age in the cellar. 92 PTS Tastings

Pairings: Pot roast, steak & potatoes, beef stew, braised short ribs, mushroom stroganoff, mature and hard cheeses and cured meats. Also try a grilled gruyere burger, a mushroom pizza with tomato sauce or some marinated ribeye steak.