

L'ECOLE NO. 41 Ferguson 2015





93 POINTS

Bright ruby-red. Alluring scents of cassis, mocha, coffee and tobacco leaf, plus a hint of brown spices. Quite fine-grained and stylish but a bit youthfully imploded, conveying an impression of density without weight. The challenge in 2015 was to keep the wine's phenolics in check, noted owner Clubb, who admitted that a couple of the earlier vintages of this bottling may have been overextracted even if they're aging nicely. This site enjoys a long growing season and yields thick-skinned grapes and powerful phenolic structure. "Everything here pumps up the tannins," says Clubb. Expect this bottling to get more Cabernet Franc, Malbec and Petit Verdot in the future.

- Stephen Tanzer, November 2018

About Vinous

Vinous is our vision of a modern-day wine media platform that places consumers inside the conversation and encourages them to form their own opinions. Vinous brings together professional reviews, the stories behind the wines and the perspectives of our readers in over 55 countries using multimedia and leading edge technology. We visit hundreds of wineries each year, allowing us to offer unparalleled, first-hand insight into the world of wine. Since launching in May 2013, Vinous has become one of the fastest growing wine content websites in the world. Regular features include comprehensive reviews of new releases from the world's major wine regions, vertical tastings and retrospectives, in-depth videos shot on location, Vinous Favorites our top picks under \$25, Cellar Favorites - which features older wines, and Vinous Table, where we profile our top eating and drinking destinations. In November 2014, Vinous announced its acquisition of Stephen Tanzer's International Wine Cellar. Please also see the Frequently Asked Questions.



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