

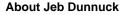
L'ECOLE NO. 41 Pepper Bridge Apogee 2018

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95 POINTS

The 2018 Apogee Pepper Bridge Vineyard is mostly Cabernet Sauvignon yet includes 27% Merlot, 14% Malbec and 3% Cabernet Franc, all brought up in 50% new French oak. It has a gorgeous, Bordeaux-like nose of red and black currants, lead pencil, leafy tobacco, and graphite. This carries to a medium to full-bodied red with terrific overall balance, remarkable purity of fruit, and both tannins and acidity. It can be enjoyed today yet will benefit 2-3 years of bottle age and I suspect have 20 years of prime drinking. It's a beautiful wine.



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