

The PICKS

FEATURE WINE

L'Ecole No. 41 2023 Frenchtown Red Wine

We're bringing back an old favorite this week, L'Ecole No. 41 2023 Frenchtown Red Wine. I've always been a fan of L'Ecole, and it's been a good while since we've had it in the store. From the Walla Walla region of Columbia Valley, Washington, it's a third-generation, family-owned winery located in an old schoolhouse, hence the winery's name. Their sustainable winemaking philosophy "prioritizes balance, finesse, and purity of fruit, with careful extraction and restrained oak to preserve vineyard character. The result is wines known for structure, natural acidity, and exceptional aging potential." French Canadians settled in the area in the early 1800s and started making wine in the 1860s, and this bottle pays homage to them. Hand-harvested and aged in neutral oak, it consists of 45% Merlot, 25% Cabernet Sauvignon, 10% Cabernet Franc, 9% Syrah, 5% Grenache, 3% Petit Verdot, 2% Malbec, and 1% Mourvèdre. "An excellent Frenchtown vintage showing copious fresh fruit aromas of dark cherry, blueberry, raspberry, and anise complemented by cocoa powder and violet floral notes. This easy-drinking wine offers an abundance of lively fruit, cinnamon sticks, and spice flavors framed by a medium body and finely textured tannins, leading to a harmoniously balanced, juicy, and enduring finish." Grab it for \$26.99.

WINE PICK

Monemvasia 2025 Voltes Dry White Wine

We've got a couple of new Greek wines in stock, including the Monemvasia 2025 Voltes Dry White Wine. Monemvasia is the winery but also a namesake small village, founded in the 6th century on the east coast of the Peloponnese peninsula, a picture of which I will include because it's just unreal. Voltes means path in Greek, named after the path to the island which you can see in the photo. Their motto is "a vision to reinstate the unique, albeit lost in time, Monemvasian terroir." That seems about right from what I see. It's a blend of two iconic Greek white wine grapes, Roditis (70%) and Moschofilero (30%). Both pink-skinned grapes native to Greece, Roditis provides the body and the stone fruit while Moschofilero brings acidity and florals to the mix. "Light yellow in color, aromas of freshly cut flowers, green apple, stone fruits, a smooth mouthfeel, pleasant acidity and finish." A new, crisp patio white for \$14.99.