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## Long Shadows Vintners

### **2019 Chester-Kidder Proprietary Red**

**Columbia Valley, WA**

**95 points**

A big, black-fruited, concentrated red based on 62% Cabernet Sauvignon, 35% Syrah, and a splash of Petit Verdot, the 2019 Chester Kidder Red Wine sports a dense purple hue as well as a rock star nose of currants, spicy oak, flowers, and smoked tobacco. Rich, full-bodied, and concentrated, with beautiful tannins, it needs 3-5 years of bottle age to develop more complexity but will have two decades of overall longevity. It's a beautiful bottle of wine.

### **2020 Pirouette Proprietary Red**

**Columbia Valley, WA**

**93 points**

Based on 66% Cabernet Sauvignon, 30% Merlot, and the balance Cabernet Franc and Malbec, the 2020 Pirouette offers more high-toned aromatics of plums, liquid violets, incense, and dark chocolate. These carry to a medium to full-bodied, nicely balanced, dense 2020 offering ripe tannins and outstanding length.

### **2020 Sequel Syrah**

**Columbia Valley, WA**

**95 points**

As to the 2020 Syrah Sequel, this inky hued effort comes from a mix of sites on Red Mountain as well as the Boushey and Bacchus vineyards. Fermented with 30% whole clusters and aged in 65% new French oak, it offers up a powerful bouquet of ripe black fruits, ground pepper, chocolate, and graphite. With full-bodied power and richness, as well as building tannins, it stays light on its feet, has remarkable purity, and a great finish.

### **2020 Pedestal Merlot**

**Columbia Valley, WA**

**94 points**

I loved the 2020 Merlot Pedestal, which makes the most of the vintage. Full-bodied aromas and flavors of ripe plums, chocolate, spicy oak, and graphite define the aromatics, and it's concentrated, has ripe, chalky tannins, plenty of mid-palate depth, and a great finish. The blend is 84% Merlot, 15% Cabernet Sauvignon, and the balance Malbec, raised in 75% new French oak.

### **2020 Feather Cabernet Sauvignon**

**Columbia Valley, WA**

**96 points**

Blackcurrants, chalky minerality, and subtle floral notes all emerge from the 2020 Cabernet Sauvignon Feather, which is made by Randy Dunn and sourced from the Weinbau, Dionysus, Bacchus, Sagemoor, and The Benches vineyards. With medium to full-bodied richness as well as fine tannins, it's a more elegant, streamlined Cabernet than past vintages yet shines for its purity and balance. It's beautifully done and should have two decades of longevity.

### **2020 Saggi Proprietary Red**

**Columbia Valley, WA**

**93 points**

The 2020 Saggi Red Wine is made by the talented Gilles Nicault (who is also the genius behind the quality of all these Long Shadows releases) and is 62% Sangiovese, 28% Cabernet Sauvignon, and the rest Syrah. Terrific red and black fruits, white pepper, sandalwood, and smoky oak all emerge on the nose, and it's medium to full-bodied, has a balanced, layered mouthfeel, good length on the finish, and an overriding sense of purity and elegance that you don't find often in the vintage. It will have 10-15 years of longevity.

**2021 Poet's Leap Riesling****Columbia Valley, WA****92 points**

Bright citrus, rosemary, honeyed lime, and some minerality all emerge from the 2021 Riesling Poet's Leap, another bright, refreshing, balanced, impeccably made example of this cuvée from Long Shadows. With solid mid-palate richness and nicely integrated acidity, you can safely drink bottles any time over the coming 10-15 years, it's that age-worthy.

**2020 Dance Chardonnay****Columbia Valley, WA****90 points**

The 2020 Chardonnay Dance is clean and pure, with classic apple and honeyed stone fruits, medium-bodied richness, nicely integrated acidity, and a balanced, elegant style that will evolve for 2-4 years.

**2019 SHOUP****Columbia Valley, WA****98 points**

I also loved the 2019 Shoup, which I would put up with the crème de la crème of the vintage. Ripe black fruits, smoked tobacco, graphite, chocolate, and spicy oak give way to a full-bodied, deep, rich, incredibly pure, layered red with terrific tannins, flawless balance, and a great finish. It's an incredible Washington State blend to enjoy over the coming 20-25 years.

**2018 Sequel "Vintage Select" Bin 898 Syrah****Columbia Valley, WA****96 points**

Gorgeous aromatics of blackberries, spiced meat, ground pepper, and creamy oak emerge from the 2018 Syrah Sequel Vintage Select Bin 898, a rich, full-bodied, concentrated, flawlessly balanced Syrah delivering terrific purity, velvety tannins, and a great, great finish. It's a remarkable effort from this estate that will drink brilliantly over the coming decade.

**2019 Feather "Vintage Select" Cabernet Sauvignon****Columbia Valley, WA****96 points**

The 2019 Cabernet Sauvignon Feather Vintage Select is all varietal and comes from the Bacchus and Tapteil vineyards. Deep purple-hued, it cuts a tighter, more focused path across the palate and is medium to full-bodied and beautifully concentrated, with ripe red and black fruits, plenty of background spicy oak, notes of scorched earth, lead pencil, and tobacco, and ripe yet building tannins. It's another brilliant wine from this label.

**2019 Cote Nicault GSM****Columbia Valley, WA****94 points**

The 2019 Cote Nicault checks in as a blend of 48% Grenache, 36% Syrah, and 16% Mourvèdre. It's another gorgeous vintage for this cuvée, delivering pure red and black fruits supported by spicy, peppery, meaty aromas and flavors. Richly textured and medium to full-bodied, with plenty of structure and tannins, give bottles 2-3 years if you can and enjoy over the following decade.