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Long Shadows Vintners

2021 Chester-Kidder Proprietary Red

Columbia Valley, WA

94 points

Named for founder Allen Shoup's mother (Elizabeth Chester) and grandmother (Maggie Kidder), the 2021 Chester Kidder Red Wine blends 60% Cabernet Sauvignon, 29% Syrah, and 11% Petit Verdot, the latter providing a lift of bright acidity. Aged 30 months in French oak, 85% of it new, it's a powerhouse of a wine, richly layered and concentrated, with a suppleness to the tannins and mouthfeel. There's dark fruit and baking spice that contrast against the Syrah's brooding gamey garrigue. Cellar through 2036.

2022 Pirouette Proprietary Red

Columbia Valley, WA

94 points

An original partnership with Philippe Melka, Gilles Nicault has created a beautiful testament to its origins in the 2022 Pirouette, a Cabernet Sauvignon-driven blend with 30% Merlot, 3% Petit Verdot, and 2% Cabernet Franc. Barrel fermentation provides a backbone of supple tannin and age-worthy structure, with lovely cassis, oak spice, and tobacco vying for attention. Full-bodied, it's built to age another 20+ years.

2022 Sequel Syrah

Columbia Valley, WA

95 points

From the winery's longtime partnership with John Duval of Penfolds Grange, the 2022 Sequel Syrah continues the tradition in its embrace of 100% varietal Syrah that's bursting in full-bodied, meaty layers of smooth black fruit, baking spice, and wild garrigue. The oak is substantial but not supportive. Grapes were sourced from StoneTree, Red Heaven, and Bacchus. Age-worthy another 10+ years.

2022 Pedestal Merlot

Columbia Valley, WA

94 points

Originally made with winemaker Michel Rolland, with grapes from Dionysus, Weinbau, and Candy Mountain, the 2022 Pedestal Merlot adds 17% Cabernet Sauvignon and 3% Petit Verdot, creating a wine of tremendous richness, full-bodied weight and length. Fermented in big oak upright tank, it offers a perfumed bouquet of sage and black cherry, gunsmoke, oak spice, and refined tannins. Age 15-20 years.

2022 Feather Cabernet Sauvignon

Columbia Valley, WA

93 points

Inspired by a former partnership with Randy Dunn, the 100% varietal 2022 Feather Cabernet Sauvignon is densely concentrated in full-bodied black fruit, lavender aromatics, and an enduring richness of dark chocolate. Silky, supple tannins provide a refined texture that leads to a peppery finish of oak, saddle leather, and clove. This shows cellaring potential of 20-25 years.

2022 Saggi Proprietary Red

Columbia Valley, WA

92 points

Inspired by a former partnership with Ambrogio and Giovanni Folonari of Tuscany, the 2022 Saggi Red Wine is a blend of 67% Sangiovese (its most ever), 19% Cabernet Sauvignon for structure, and 14% Syrah for spiciness. Meaty and full of sweet baking spice and mineral iron, it's a full-bodied, elegant wine of dense black fruit and fierce, melting tannins. The grapes come from Candy Mountain, Blue Mountain, and Sagemoor. It's good to go and age-worthy for another 10-12 years.

2024 Poet's Leap Riesling**Columbia Valley, WA****90 points**

Inspired by German winemaker Armin Diel, the 2024 Poet's Leap Riesling is dry and mineral-driven, refreshingly thirst-quenching in apricot, melon, and light-bodied refinement, with a length of bright acidity. From the Gamache, Bacchus, and DuBrul vineyards, it is ready to drink now and over the next 6-8 years.

2024 Julia's Dazzle Rosé**Columbia Valley, WA****88 points**

The 2024 Julia's Dazzle Rosé has a candied quality and plenty of refinement for what is ultimately a light-bodied, refreshing wine rich in apricot and tart cherry. Drink now.

2023 Cymbal Sauvignon Blanc**Columbia Valley, WA****92 points**

The 2023 Cymbal Sauvignon Blanc is made from several vineyard sites, including the 1972 planting from Bacchus Vineyard, potentially the oldest Sauvignon Blanc in the state. Passionfruit and lemongrass give it contrasting complexity around medium-bodied layers of luscious texture and vibrancy. Drinking well now, it should continue to do so for the next 6-8 years.

2022 Dance Chardonnay**Columbia Valley, WA****93 points**

Spending 17 months on its lees, the 2022 Dance Chardonnay is impressive in its complexity and texture, offering vibrant layers of anise, green apple, and white peach. Balanced richness gives it medium-bodied heft and an unctuous mouthfeel that finishes supple and elegant. From vineyards in White Bluffs and Yakima Valley, namely French Creek and Boushey, enjoy now through 2032.

2021 SHOUP**Columbia Valley, WA****96 points**

A best-barrel selection of everything in the winery, the 2021 SHOUP blends 44% Cabernet Sauvignon, 34% Merlot, 14% Petit Verdot and 8% Malbec in a Left Bank mold, co-fermenting some of the varieties together. Highly perfumed, it's silky in texture and refined tannins, with well-integrated oak that adds a touch of baking spice to the rich, full-bodied layers of tobacco leaf, lavender, and dark berry. This is good to age another 20+ years.

2021 Sequel "Vintage Select" Bin 898 Syrah**Columbia Valley, WA****95 points**

Another 100% varietal Syrah, this is a vintage selection of best barrels made only in certain years that's built to go another 15-20 years. Highly aromatic, it's lengthy, concentrated, and richly layered in garrigue, gunsmoke, licorice, and meat, with a savory umami that's hard to beat, building power as it goes.

2022 Côté Nicault GSM**Columbia Valley, WA****95 points**

Long Shadows' winemaker Gilles Nicault's own wine, inspired by Châteauneuf du Pape, the 2022 Côté Nicault blends 38% Mourvèdre, 31% Grenache, and 31% Syrah. The label sports Nicault's family coat of arms. It opens in perfumed spice, vanilla bean, and white pepper. With a gamey quality throughout, it's softly concentrated in full-bodied layers of velvety textures, the oak and tannins well-integrated (and the Mourvèdre aged in terra cotta amphorae). Drink now and over the next 10-15 years.