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Long Shadows Vintners

2018 Chester-Kidder Proprietary Red

Columbia Valley, WA

94+ points

The 2018 Chester-Kidder Red Wine is based on 64% Cabernet Sauvignon, 28% Syrah, and the rest Petit Verdot that spent 30 months in 85% new French oak. It's another brilliant wine from this team and has vibrant plum and darker, almost blue fruits as well as spicy oak, chocolate, graphite, and scorched earth aromas and flavors. Balanced and medium to full-bodied, with a terrific sense of freshness as well as building tannins, it's going to benefit from 2-4 years of bottle age and have two decades of longevity.

2019 Pirouette Proprietary Red

Columbia Valley, WA

94+ points

The 2019 Pirouette Red Wine is a mix of 56% Cab, 33% Merlot, 6% Cabernet Franc, and the rest Malbec and Petit Verdot. Currants, spicy oak, burning embers, and smoked tobacco are just some of its nuances, and it hits the palate with full-bodied richness, building, chalky tannins, plenty of mid-palate depth, and a great finish. It needs 3-4 years in the cellar, but it's terrific.

2019 Sequel Syrah

Columbia Valley, WA

95 points

The 2019 Syrah Sequel is a big, rich, meaty, powerful beauty offering copious amounts of ripe black fruits as well as ground pepper, chocolate, graphite, and spicy oak all soaring from the glass. It packs a punch, as always, with its ripe, sexy style, yet it shows the cooler, elegant style of the vintage beautifully and is balanced, has ripe tannins, and a great finish. It's going to cruise for 10-12 years in cold cellars.

2019 Pedestal Merlot

Columbia Valley, WA

94 points

The 2019 Merlot Pedestal (75% Merlot, 21% Cabernet Sauvignon, and 4% Malbec) is terrific, with a plump, round, medium to full-bodied style offering decadent Merlot red and black cherry fruit as well as notes of tobacco leaf, damp earth, and spicy aromas and flavors. It shows the cooler style of the vintage with its elegant, streamlined texture, is perfectly balanced, and will certainly keep for 10-15 years.

2019 Feather Cabernet Sauvignon

Columbia Valley, WA

95 points

All Cabernet Sauvignon, the 2019 Cabernet Sauvignon Feather is a rich, powerful wine loaded with notions of cassis, graphite, scorched earth, and crushed stone. Full-bodied on the palate and concentrated, it has building tannins, a great mid-palate, and the balance and class to benefit from 4-5 years of bottle age and, I suspect, evolve for decades.

2019 Saggi Proprietary Red

Columbia Valley, WA

92 points

The 2019 Saggi Red Wine from the team at Long Shadows checks in as 52% Sangiovese, 32% Cabernet Sauvignon, and 16% Syrah, and it's certainly one of the finest Sangiovese-dominated blends coming from Washington State. Deep ruby/purple-hued, with a great nose of black cherries, currants, tobacco, loamy earth, and cedary spice, it hits the palate with medium-bodied richness, a supple, elegant mouthfeel, silky yet present tannins, and a great finish. It should drink well for at least a decade.

2020 Poet's Leap Riesling**Columbia Valley, WA****90 points**

Juicy green apple, lychee, and tart pineapple notes all emerge from the 2020 Riesling Poet's Leap, a medium-bodied, lively, balanced, impressively textured off-dry Riesling that can be drunk any time over the coming decade or more. It's surprising how well this wine can age, and it's certainly up with the top examples of the variety in Washington State.

2020 Cymbal Sauvignon Blanc**Columbia Valley, WA****90 points**

The 2020 Sauvignon Blanc Cymbal is textbook stuff, with a Bordeaux Blanc-like style in its lemon curd, sappy herbs, and mineral-driven aromas and flavors. Nicely balanced and medium-bodied, with both richness and freshness, it's going to be incredibly versatile on the dinner table and keep for a good 2-4 years.

2019 Dance Chardonnay**Columbia Valley, WA****92 points**

White flowers, lemon curd, and honeyed minerality all emerge from the 2019 Chardonnay Dance, a clean, vibrant, beautifully balanced Chardonnay offering bright acidity, plenty of mid-palate depth, and a great finish. It's beautifully done and will evolve for 4-6 years with no issues.

2018 SHOUP**Columbia Valley, WA****97+ points**

The 2018 Shoup checks in as 61% Cabernet Sauvignon, 23% Petit Verdot, and 16% Malbec from a handful of sites in the Columbia Valley. Its saturated purple color is followed by a straight-up stunning red blend offering pure cassis and blueberry fruit supported by lots of graphite, scorched earth, tobacco, and chocolate. Rich, full-bodied, and powerful, it's flawlessly balanced, has a layered, deep, rich mouthfeel, a dense mid-palate, and the structure to warrant at least 4-5 years of bottle age. This is a powerful, singular, incredibly impressive Cabernet that's worth seeking out and having in your cellar.

2017 Sequel "Vintage Select" Bin 898 Syrah Columbia Valley, WA**95 points**

All Syrah, the 2017 Syrah Sequel Vintage Select Bin 898 is a lot selection that spent 18 months in 80% new French oak. It has a great nose of pure red and black berry fruits, smoky oak, leather, graphite, and cured meats. This carries to a medium to full-bodied, ripe, sexy, impeccably balanced Syrah with silky tannins, no hard edges, and that rare mix of richness and power without any sensation of weight or heaviness. It's a brilliant Syrah to enjoy over the coming 10-12 years.

2018 Cote Nicault GSM**Columbia Valley, WA****94+ points**

Pepper herbs, meaty red and black fruits, truffle, lavender, and exotic spice notes all emerge from the 2018 Cote Nicault, a beautifully balanced, medium to full-bodied, mouth-filling blend of 36% Mourvèdre, 32% Grenache, and 32% Syrah. It has loads of character, good mid-palate depth, and the balance and structure to benefit from short-term cellaring and keep for 10-15 years. It's impressive.