



Reviews by Eric Guido

Long Shadows Vintners Selection

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2021 Feather, Cabernet Sauvignon - Columbia Valley

94+ points

The 2021 Feather Cabernet Sauvignon is lifted and perfumed with a cascade of red berries, dusty rose and lavender pastille. This is pure elegance, silken, polished and nearly creamy in feel, with fresh acidity and complicating notes of dark chocolate and cola. It leaves a spicy sensation that lingers, finishing firm and tannic as hints of blueberry preserves fade.

2021 Pirouette, Red Wine - Columbia Valley

92 points

A sheen of toasty oak gives way to cocoa and dried black berries as the 2021 Pirouette smolders up from the glass. This envelops the palate in creamy textural waves and ripe red and blue fruits energized by a core of zesty acidity. Dramatically long and spicy, the 2021 leaves the senses drenched in primary concentration, tapering off long and tart with a framework of edgy tannins.

2021 Pedestal, Merlot - Columbia Valley

95 points

The 2021 Pedestal Merlot is darkly floral and inward, slowly evolving with notes of crushed ashen stones, cocoa and autumnal spice that give way to blackberries and savory herbs. This is elegant on the palate, velvety and creamy yet fresh, with masses of ripe blueberry complicated by sage and dark chocolate. A web of fine-grained tannins flexes upon the palate as the 2021 finishes with outstanding length and concentration, leaving a tart blackberry resonance and hints of sour citrus.

2021 Sequel, Syrah - Columbia Valley

93 points

The 2021 Sequel Syrah grumbles up from the glass with a blend of grilled herbs, exotic spices and mentholated blackberries. It's silky yet lifted in feel, with a mass of ripe red and black fruit that takes on a tart saturating effect toward the close. Edgy tannins resonate as this finishes long and structured, leaving hints of salted licorice and clove.

2021 Chester-Kidder, Red Wine - Columbia Valley

93 points

The 2021 Chester-Kidder opens with a balsamic tinge, blending crushed plums and grilled sage with dark chocolate and hints of spice. Cool-toned and racy in feel, it swirls across the palate with ripe wild berry fruits, offset by sour citrus and cocoa. The 2021 finishes long and staining with cheek-puckering concentration. Suggestions of clove linger on and on.

2021 Saggi, Red Wine - Columbia Valley**92 points**

Dusty rose and leather tones give way to dried black cherries as the 2021 Saggi comes to life in the glass. It's soothingly round and pure in style, with ripe wild berry fruits and mineral tones that cascade throughout. Edgy and long, the 2021 leaves a spicy, tannic sensation on the finish.

2023 Poet's Leap, Riesling – Columbia Valley**90 points**

The 2023 Poet's Leap Riesling is delicate and understated, with notes of shaved lemon zest, green melon, mint and hints of petrol. It mixes ripe orchard fruits and salty mineral tones with a core of brilliant acidity. This finishes with medium length and remarkable lift, leaving a suggestion of citrus sorbet on the finish.

2022 Dance, Chardonnay - Columbia Valley**92 points**

The 2022 Dance Chardonnay mixes enriching notes of almond paste and custard, freshly sliced yellow apples and hints of chamomile. It's silky smooth and pliant with ripe white pit fruits and candied melon tones that swirl across a tactile core of minerality. Brisk acidity maintains fantastic balance as the 2022 finishes with a saline flourish and gentle tannic grip.

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

The 2023 Cymbal Sauvignon Blanc is pungently floral with a wave of sweet spice and lemon zest giving way to sage and nectarines. This is seductively round and supple with a fresh mix of citrus-laced orchard fruits and hints of candied lime. The 2023 cleans up beautifully, long and potent yet fresh, with a mouthwatering resonance of sour melon.

2020 SHOUP, Red Wine - Columbia Valley**94 points**

The 2020 SHOUP lifts from the glass with mentholated freshness as hints of blood orange and mint combine with dried black cherries. Seductively soft and round, it washes across the palate like pure silk, showcasing polished red berry fruits and a cascade of sweet spices. The 2020 shuts down hard on the edgy, tannic finish yet leaves the mouth watering through a bump of residual acidity.