



Wine Overview

Summary

Long Shadows began as a portfolio of seven signature wines created in collaboration with acclaimed winemakers from around the globe. From the start, founding winemaker and Director of Winemaking and Viticulture, Gilles Nicault, has managed vineyard sourcing, production, and blending. Under his leadership, the collection has grown to include a wider range of white wines and small-lot reds crafted for collectors and enthusiasts alike.

Chester Kidder

A red blend, predominantly Cabernet Sauvignon and Syrah, styled for texture, richness, and a broad spectrum of flavors. During fermentation, the juice is held on the skins for up to 40 days to develop the middle palate and the overall structure of the wine. Extended barrel aging allows for full integration of the tannins and fruit.

Cymbal

A Sauvignon Blanc fermented in four vessels for complexity and richness. A cement egg and stainless-steel drums are used to preserve the wine's liveliness and minerality. New and neutral French oak barrels enhance the mouthfeel of the finished wine.

Dance

Chardonnay from handpicked grapes, fermented, and aged in three vessels: new and neutral French oak barrels and concrete tanks. A portion of the wine undergoes malolactic fermentation to add a creamy texture. All the wines are kept on the lees to increase viscosity and further develop texture on the mid-palate.

Feather

Cabernet Sauvignon styled for intensity, Feather is crafted to be a "civilized wine" with powerful flavors. During the peak of fermentation, energetic pump-overs maximum extraction.

Originally made in collaboration with Randy, Dunn, Dunn Vineyards, Napa Valley

Pedestal

A full-bodied Merlot styled to achieve the richness, complexity, and concentration of flavors for which Michel's wines are internationally known. Merlot, picked at the peak of ripeness, is fermented in 55 HL upright wood tanks designed to Michel's specifications and crafted for him in France to impart a deep mouthfeel and intense color.

Originally made in collaboration with Michel Rolland, Pomerol vintner, and international consultant

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Pirouette	A red Bordeaux blend styled for elegance and harmony. Fermented with native yeast in 400L oak barrels that are gently rolled to impart structure, richness, deep color, and a luscious mouthfeel. <i>Originally made in collaboration with Philippe Melka, Melka, Métisse & CJ, Napa Valley</i>
Poet's Leap	A lively, vibrant Riesling styled to capture fresh stone fruit character and floral overtones, as is typical of Nahe Valley Riesling. Growers are asked to develop a large foliage canopy, then leaf strip inside the canopy to open up the fruit zone and facilitate good airflow, even maturation, and thorough flavor development in the grapes. <i>Originally made in collaboration with Armin Diel, Nahe Valley, Germany</i>
Saggi	Saggi is crafted to showcase Washington state's terroir and styled to accentuate the wine's Italian character. A portion of the grapes are fermented in small, two-ton tanks, then 5-10% of the juice is removed from the tank at the beginning of fermentation, a technique known as saignée, to enhance richness and concentration. Sangiovese dominates the blend, with Cabernet Sauvignon adding structure, and Syrah amplifying the wine's layered complexity. <i>Originally made in collaboration with Ambrogio & Giovanni Folonari, Tuscany</i>
Sequel	Syrah crafted to capture the grape's purity, freshness, and vibrancy. During fermentation, a select portion of the lots undergoes an Australian technique sometimes known as "racked and returned." This gentle treatment of the berries at peak fermentation extracts optimal color and richness. Likewise, a few lots are cold-soaked to enhance fruitiness and freshness. An additional limited number of lots undergo an extended maceration (up to 30 days) to enhance the wine's mouthfeel. Barrel aged in 100% French oak barrels to capture the vibrant character of Columbia Valley Syrah. <i>Originally made in collaboration with John Duval, Penfolds Grange, Australia</i>
Shoup	Shoup Red Wine is a refined, Washington State expression of a Bordeaux-style blend, crafted for balance, depth, and age-worthiness. Grapes are fermented using a mix of gentle de-stemming and whole-berry fermentation in open French oak barrels to build texture and structure. Malbec and Petit Verdot are co-fermented, then top lots age 22 months in French oak for integrated complexity.