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LONG SHADOWS VINTNERS

2014 Chester-Kidder Proprietary Red **Columbia Valley, WA** **95 points**

A blend of 66% Cabernet Sauvignon, 28% Syrah and 6% Petit Verdot, the 2014 Chester Kidder offers up a sweet bouquet of blackcurrants, blackberries, licorice and asphalt. On the palate, it's full-bodied, layered and seamless, with an ample core of succulent fruit, good balancing acids and a richly tannic, subtly oak-inflected finish. It should drink well for a decade.

2015 Pirouette Proprietary Red **Columbia Valley, WA** **93 points**

Pure and fruit-driven, the 2015 Pirouette wafts from the glass with notes of ripe cherries and plums. On the palate, it's lavishly textural and velvety, with an ample core of juicy dark fruits and good balancing acids, its abundant tannins only asserting themselves on the finish. Of all the Long Shadows wines—Michel Rolland's included—this would be the most at home in contemporary Napa Valley. It's made by Philippe Melka and consists of 65% Cabernet Sauvignon, 21% Merlot, 11% Petit Verdot and 3% Malbec.

2015 Sequel Syrah **Columbia Valley, WA** **92 points**

The 2015 Syrah Sequel (which includes 7% Cabernet Sauvignon) unfurls in the glass with notes of sweet cassis and black fruit that mingle with notions of rich grilled meats and toasty oak. On the palate, it's full-bodied, deep and powerful, with a sweet core of fruit and a chewy chassis of fine-grained tannins.

2015 Pedestal Merlot **Columbia Valley, WA** **94 points**

The 2015 Pedestal Merlot is a rich, dramatic wine that wafts from the glass with aromas of black cherries, crème de cassis, cigar tobacco and mocha. On the palate, it's broad, full-bodied and lavish, with ripe, generously oak-inflected flavors and an ample core of fruit, structured by fine-grained but youthfully chewy tannins, concluding with a sweet, spicy and somewhat heady finish. The most exotic and expressive wine in the Long Shadows range, it's crafted by Michel Rolland.

2015 Feather Cabernet Sauvignon **Columbia Valley, WA** **96 points**

The 2015 Cabernet Sauvignon Feather is lovely, unfurling in the glass with aromas of cassis, blackberries, petroleum jelly and burning embers. On the palate, it's full-bodied, ripe and powerful, with an expansive attack and an ample core of dark berry fruit, underpinned by a fine-grained, stony chassis of ripe tannins. This wine is made by Howell Mountain veteran Randy Dunn, and its profile—while marked by the torrid 2015 vintage—will be familiar to followers of the wines he produces there.

2016 Poet's Leap Riesling **Columbia Valley, WA** **92 points**

The 2016 Riesling Poet's Leap is very pretty, offering up aromas of lime, lemon oil, white flowers and very subtle petrol that wouldn't be out of place in the Mosel. On the palate, it's light to medium-bodied, racy and mouthwatering, with lovely intensity and purity, concluding with a stony finish. It's a beautiful wine and carries a very modest price tag.

2015 Saggi Proprietary Red**Columbia Valley, WA****89 points**

A blend of 62% Sangiovese, 28% Cabernet Sauvignon and 10% Syrah, the 2015 Saggi offers up attractive aromas of sweet cherries, balsamic reduction, dried herbs and burning embers. On the palate, it's full-bodied, rich and layered, with a lavish attack and a juicy core of fruit, concluding with a firm, quite assertively extracted and chewy finish.

2016 Dance Chardonnay**Columbia Valley, WA****92 points**

The 2016 Chardonnay from Dance is very good, wafting from the glass with youthful aromas of citrus zest, lemon curd and pastry cream. On the palate, it's medium to full-bodied, deep and layered, with an attractively textural attack, racy acids and a long, saline, even stony finish. It's an impressive Chardonnay that should develop nicely for the better part of a decade.