

Reviews by Stephen Tanzer

Long Shadows Vintners Collection

November 2019

2016 Feather, Cabernet Sauvignon - Columbia Valley

92+ points

Aromas of black cherry, cassis, licorice, bitter chocolate, black olive and sexy new oak, all lifted by a violet topnote. A very suave, delineated Cabernet with a mineral firmness and noteworthy thrust.

2016 Pirouette, Red Wine - Columbia Valley

93 points

Wonderfully silky and dense in the mouth, combining superb concentration and a subtle sweetness to its flavors of black raspberry, licorice, bitter chocolate and sexy oak. Fully ripe but also nicely delineated. Finishes very long and classically dry, with serious smooth tongue saturating tannins and resounding fruit.

2016 Pedestal, Merlot - Columbia Valley

91+ points

Complex, musky scents of black raspberry, plum, woodsmoke, cocoa powder, earth and leather. Broad and full-bodied on the palate, with its black fruit, menthol and spice flavors leavened by an element of medicinal reserve. This big, bone-dry wine finishes with serious mouthdusting tannins and lingering flavors of black fruits and spicy oak.

2016 Sequel, Syrah - Columbia Valley

92 points

Alluring nose combines black raspberry, minerals, black olive and bitter chocolate, along with meat and woodsmoke nuances. There's a compelling plushness to the concentrated flavors of blackberry, blueberry, cassis, violet and bitter chocolate. Finishes long, with notes of violet and red licorice and substantial tannins that dust the incisors.

2016 Chester-Kidder, Red Wine - Columbia Valley

92 points

Sexy violet lift to the aromas of cassis, blackberry and kirsch, along with medicinal mint and an herbal pyrazine element. Plush, broad and classic on the palate, with dense black fruit, licorice, violet and tobacco leaf flavors lifted by herbs.

2016 Saggi, Red Wine - Columbia Valley

90 points

Aromas of cherry, raspberry, earth, menthol and medicinal herbs, plus a whiff of leather. Plush, round and classically dry on the palate, conveying a slight warmth to the flavors of red currant, wild strawberry, tobacco leaf and wild herbs.

2018 Poet's Leap, Riesling – Columbia Valley

91 points

Subtle stone fruits, orange zest and ginger on the bracing nose, plus a trace of medicinal herbs. Shows a distinct sweetness on entry, then the firm acidity and spiciness take over in the middle palate, enlivening the very pure stone fruit and ripe citrus flavors. This is sappy, ripe and delicious right now but has the stuffing to gain in complexity with bottle age.