

## Long Shadows Vintners Collection

**December 2020**

### **2017 Feather, Cabernet Sauvignon - Columbia Valley**

**93 points**

Musky scents of cassis, black raspberry, dark chocolate, menthol and sexy oak, plus hints of graphite and soil. Plush, fine-grained and sweet on entry, then energized in the mid-palate by a floral quality.

### **2017 Pirouette, Red Wine - Columbia Valley**

**93 points**

Pure, dark scents of cassis, black cherry, licorice and bitter chocolate are complicated by violet and loam notes. Very suave, smooth and juicy on entry, then perfumes the mouth with red and darker berries, spices, menthol, dark chocolate and flowers. At once savory and sweet, this Bordeaux blend boasts excellent definition and lift but also attractive pliancy in the middle palate.

### **2017 Pedestal, Merlot - Columbia Valley**

**92+ points**

Musky aromas of dark raspberry, tobacco leaf, dark chocolate, smoky oak and menthol are serious and brooding for Merlot. Concentrated, plush and tactile on the palate, with dark raspberry, mocha, woodsmoke, menthol and subtle herb flavors conveying serious energy. Finishes subtle, spicy and very long, with firm but suave tannins giving the wine the backbone to evolve slowly and gracefully.

### **2017 Sequel, Syrah - Columbia Valley**

**93 points**

Musky perfume of dark raspberry, black olive, bitter chocolate and brown spices, plus a subtle hint of animal fur. Silky and seamless on entry, then as much red fruits as black in the sweet middle palate, with floral and spice notes adding clarity and lift. This wine will give pleasure early but also last well.

### **2017 Chester-Kidder, Red Wine - Columbia Valley**

**92+ points**

Brooding aromas of cassis, blackberry, licorice, espresso and violet, plus a whiff of iodiney minerality. Dense, sweet and deep, conveying a youthful medicinal quality to its dark fruit, menthol, licorice and mineral flavors. This seriously mouthfilling wine shows very good mineral energy and finishes with substantial tongue-coating tannins.

### **2017 Saggi, Red Wine - Columbia Valley**

**91 points**

Lovely perfumed lift to the aromas of raspberry, cherry, currant, rose petal, earth and tobacco leaf. Suave, vinous wine with good grip and medium body to its flavors of red and darker berries, spices, flowers and leather. Dried herb and menthol nuances contribute Old World complexity. The tannins are fine, dusty and broad, and the wine's floral perfume repeats on the end.

**2019 Poet's Leap, Riesling – Columbia Valley**

**90 points**

Pure, subtle scents of green apple, lime oil, anise, licorice, ginger and dusty herbs, with riper notes of white stone fruits emerge with air. Penetrating, flavorful wine with an initial impression of sweetness leavened by ripe, harmonious acidity and accents of flowers, ginger and herbs.

**2018 Dance, Chardonnay - Columbia Valley**

**90 points**

Icy scents of green apple, kiwi and baking spices, plus hints of fresh mint and hazelnut. Juicy, savory and intense, with apple, pear and spice flavors dominating in the early going. An intriguing element of salinity adds flavor interest to this very dry wine. This nicely concentrated, tightly coiled Chardonnay boasts sneaky intensity and very good length and lift.

**2019 Cymbal, Sauvignon Blanc - Columbia Valley**

**91 points**

Pungent, pure aromas and flavors of lemongrass, kiwi, mint, spring flowers and fresh herbs. Supple, intense and fresh, showing plenty of body without heaviness. At once firm and easygoing, this very dry, sappy yet silky Sauvignon Blanc spreads out to saturate the palate without leaving any impression of phenolics. Its long, pineappley finish leaves the mouth perfumed.

**2016 Pirouette, Solo Dancer "Vintage Select" Red Wine - Columbia Valley**

**93+ points**

Slightly inky scents of black and blue fruits, licorice, menthol, herbs and bitter chocolate. Enters the mouth plush, rich and ripe, with an almost chocolatey ripeness but good energy to its reticent black fruit flavors.

**2016 Feather "Vintage Select" Cabernet Sauvignon - Columbia Valley**

**94 points**

Very ripe, deep blue and black fruit aromas and flavors avoid any roasted character, with hints of menthol, minerals and spices adding nuance. Plush, dense and mouthfilling; still very youthfully unevolved but with terrific breadth, subtle sweetness and powerful underlying structure.

**2016 Pedestal "Vintage Select" Red Wine - Columbia Valley**

**95 points**

Very pure, subtly complex aromas of dark fruits, spices, minerals, sexy oak and licorice, lifted by a floral nuance. Juicy, lively and fine-grained on entry, then sharply delineated and vibrant in the middle palate, with cassis, blackberry, licorice and violet flavors conveying a light touch for such an intense wine. Finishes quite firm and juicy, with noble tannins totally buffered by the wine's fruit and energy. This refined beauty will need time to open and expand, but its rising, ultimately explosive finish already confirms its high quality.

**2016 Shoup, Red Wine - Columbia Valley**

**92 points**

Reticent, brooding scents of dark berries, kirsch, bitter chocolate and menthol. Quite rich, sweet and fine-grained if a bit monolithic, offering mouthfilling flavors of dark fruits, dark chocolate and menthol. Finishes strong and long, with substantial well-buffered tannins.