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### **LONG SHADOWS VINTNERS**

*A thoughtful array of different winemakers who are in charge of individual bottlings, Long Shadows wines are full of complexity, with a focus on quality made by some of the world's most celebrated winemakers. Sounding like a playlist of the "best of album" superstar winemakers such as Michel Rolland, Randy Dunn, John Duval, Philippe Melka and Gilles Nicault all have their hands in the wines of Long Shadows. They exude with excellence, power and finesse. – A. Mueller*

#### **2016 Chester-Kidder Proprietary Red                      Columbia Valley, WA                      92+ points**

Made from a blend of 58% Cabernet Sauvignon, 30% Syrah and 12% Petit Verdot, the 2016 Chester Kidder begins with a dense and chewy nose, opening to concentrated black fruit and dark red fruit aromas with dusty black pepper and dried herbs that waft out of the glass with inky resinous purple flowers and lifting oak spices. Full-bodied, the wine is generous with a chewy mouthfeel and firm tannins that tighten on the mid-palate before lingering with a long, drawn-out finish. Leaving behind flavors of bitter dark chocolate, black spice, sticky currants and cassis, there is a lasting flavor of smoked blackberries that recline on the tongue. This is delicious stuff.

#### **2017 Pirouette Proprietary Red                      Columbia Valley, WA                      94 points**

Deep ruby in color, the 2017 Pirouette is an instant success on the nose with scents of juicy plums, cassis, dark cherry compote and blackberry essence. The nose continues with seamless oak tones of vanilla and cinnamon that compound with elements of juicy tobacco and fresh violets. Full-bodied, the wine explodes on the palate with a kaleidoscope of red and black fruit flavors, a spicy undercurrent and a firm tannic structure that will lend to its longevity. The wine concludes with bitter dark chocolate flavors, dark cherry skin essence and elevated alcohol. This wine is smoking at this price. I want more!

#### **2017 Feather Cabernet Sauvignon                      Columbia Valley, WA                      95 points**

The 2017 Feather has classic Cabernet aromas of blackberry, dark cherry, currant and cassis, plus notes of graphite, pencil shavings and seductive oak tones. Full-bodied, the wine is both juicy and rigid and will need time to settle. The palate is focused and precise, showing an aesthetic frame of fruits before moving toward a compact mid-palate with spices and gripping tannins, ending with a long and thoughtful finish. The wine will age for a couple of decades, so be patient. Randy Dunn, ladies and gentlemen! Wow!

#### **2017 Pedestal Merlot                      Columbia Valley, WA                      94 points**

The 2017 Pedestal Merlot has a dense nose with a heavyweight expression and inky character in the glass. Offering blackberry jus, spiced plum preserves and dark cherry skin, the scents are lifted and compounded by rich, elegant oak spices, cigar box and juicy tobacco. Full-bodied, the wine is generously ripe and juicy with tones of graphite and a balanced structure, ending with a long, complex finish. The expression continues to evolve in the mouth after the wine has left the palate, showing elevated alcohol with dark blackberry tones, bitter dark chocolate and pencil shavings.

**2017 Saggi Proprietary Red****Columbia Valley, WA****90 points**

The 2017 Saggi begins dark-fruited with dark berry aromas and tones of leather, baked earth and subtle dried herbs. Full-bodied, the wine is dense and chewy, ending with flavors of bitter dark chocolate and notions of tar on the gripping and tannic finish.

**2017 Sequel Syrah****Columbia Valley, WA****93 points**

An instant success, the 2017 Syrah Sequel bounces out of the glass with precision, power and finesse with juicy blackberry reduction and black pepper spices woven into black cherry essence and plum preserves, with hints of dried herbs, baked earth and river rock. Full-bodied, the mouth-coating sensation from this generous fruit tones shows a beautifully balanced Syrah with succulent tones of black and red fruit, black pepper and purple flowers. The wine ends with lifting tannins on the long, immaculate, slightly chewy finish. This is food-friendly and overdelivering at this price. Bravo!

**2018 Poet's Leap Riesling****Columbia Valley, WA****89 points**

The 2018 Riesling Poet's Leap begins with a textured nose of stone fruit, sweet citrus, orchard fruit and a soft hint of honey with a waxy citrus tone. Medium-bodied, the wine is voluminous on the palate, with a kiss of residual sugar, soft waxy florals, sweet citrus and apple tones, leading to a lingering finish.

**2019 Julia's Dazzle Rosé****Columbia Valley, WA****90 points**

Pale salmon in color with a slight orange edge, the 2019 Julia's Dazzle has a floral lift with aromas of raspberry, cherry and wild strawberry essence, a pleasing mineral focus and soft waxy leaf notion. Medium-bodied, the wine is lifted with pleasing and poised acidity that balances the structure before lingering with subtle spice tones in a mineral-laced finish. It's delicious and food-friendly, and it beckons me to finish the glass.