



“For the third straight year, every wine in this portfolio has achieved an outstanding rating.....”

-Jay Miller, Wine Advocate #185 October 2009

2006 Pedestal Merlot

Columbia Valley, WA

94 points

The 2006 Pedestal features Michel Rolland who was at Long Shadows on the day of my tasting to do some blending. His wine is 86% Merlot, 8% Cabernet Sauvignon, 4% Petit Verdot and 2% Malbec aged for 22 months in 85% new French oak. Purple-colored, it offers an alluring bouquet of sandalwood, pencil lead, spice box, incense, black currants, and black cherry.. Seamless on the palate, this plush wine has layers of ripe, savory flavors, well-concealed tannin, excellent aging potential, and a 60-second finish.. It will provide much pleasure between 2013 and 2026.

2006 Sequel Syrah

Columbia Valley, WA

93 points

The 2006 Sequel is made by John Duval, former winemaker of Penfolds Grange. The wine is 96% Syrah and 4% Cabernet Sauvignon aged for 18 months in 65% new French oak. Aromas of cedar, smoke, game, bacon, and violets are alluring while leading to a round, layered, smooth-textured, full-bodied wine with several years of aging potential. This hedonistic effort will be at its best from 2013 to 2021.

2005 Chester-Kidder Proprietary Red

Columbia Valley, WA

93 points

The 2005 Chester Kidder Red Wine is made by Gilles Nicault who is also the winemaker in residence at Long Shadows. It is a blend of 55% Cabernet Sauvignon, 40% Syrah, and 5% Merlot. It was aged for 30 months in 90% new, French and Hungarian oak. Opaque purple-colored, it reveals an alluring nose of brooding black fruit, pencil lead, mineral, and spice box. Round and ripe on the palate, it borders on opulence while concealing enough tannin to support another 6-8 years of cellaring. The sweet, savory fruit carries through into the lengthy finish. Drink this superb effort from 2013 to 2026.

2006 Feather Cabernet Sauvignon

Columbia Valley, WA

93 points

The 2006 Feather is a 100% Cabernet Sauvignon cuvee made by Randy Dunn of Napa Valley fame. The wine was sourced from several prime vineyards and aged for 22 months in new French oak. The nose gives up aromas of toasty oak, scorched earth, Asian spices, black currant, and blackberry. Firm and structured yet elegant on the palate, there are layers of fruit and enough tannin to evolve for another 4-6 years. The wine will be at its best from 2013 to 2026.

2006 Saggi Proprietary Red

Columbia Valley, WA

92 points

The 2006 Saggi is made by Ambrogio and Giovanni Folonari of the well-known Tuscan family whose winemaking history dates back to the late 1700s. The wine is made up of 42% Cabernet Sauvignon, 39% Sangiovese, and 19% Syrah sourced and blended from several AVAs. It was aged for 19 months in 60% new French oak. This purple-colored wine offers aromas of pain grille, spice box, earth notes, cassis, and cherry. Smooth-textured, layered, and ripe, this well-balanced, elegant effort has ample savory fruit, excellent depth and concentration, and a lengthy finish. It should be in its prime from 2012 to 2021.

2006 Pirouette Proprietary Red

Columbia Valley, WA

92 points

The 2006 Pirouette features winemakers Agustin Huneeus and Philippe Melka. It is composed of 54% Cabernet Sauvignon, 20% Merlot, 15% Petit Verdot, 6% Cabernet Franc and 5% Syrah aged for 22 months in 70% new French oak. Saturated purple in color, it offers aromas of wood smoke, earth notes, spice box, plum, black currant, and blueberry. The wine is seamless upon entry with incipient complexity and the structure to evolve for 5-7 years. It will offer a drinking window extending 2015 to 2031.

2008 Poet's Leap Riesling

Columbia Valley, WA

91 points

The one white wine in the portfolio is the 2008 Poet's Leap Riesling made by Armin Diel of Schlossgut Diel in the Nahe River Valley of Germany. Medium straw-colored with a greenish tint, it offers up a fragrant nose of mineral, spring flowers, citrus, and apple blossom.. Vibrant on the palate with outstanding concentration, it is just off-dry in a Kabinett style. It should evolve for several years and drink well for a decade.