

Long Shadows Vintners Collection

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2014 Feather, Cabernet Sauvignon - Columbia Valley

93 points

Inviting, fully ripe aromas of red- and blackcurrant, menthol, licorice and minerals. A juicy, shapely wine with dark berry and graphite flavors complicated by a captivating herbal quality. I love the combination of sweetness and floral lift. Finishes with firm but suave tannins, a strong mineral impression lifting the wine's intense fruit. In a rather Napa Valley style.

2014 Pirouette, Red Wine - Columbia Valley

93 points

Clean aromas and flavors of cassis, raspberry, licorice and milk chocolate. Fat, velvety and sweet but also conveys an impression of youthful energy and a medicinal reserve. This very harmonious blend finishes with a serious dose of broad, dusty tannins and palate-saturating length. Very sexy use of oak here.

2014 Pedestal, Merlot - Columbia Valley

92 points

Complex aromas of cherry, tobacco, milk chocolate and licorice, plus a suggestion of iron-oxide minerality. Very suave and filled in but not at all heavy, with the lively red fruit and floral flavors given further lift by a minty nuance. Finishes broad and a bit youthfully medicinal, with fine-grained tannins and lovely length. This is excellent, but I'd give it another year or two before pulling the cork.

2014 Sequel, Syrah - Columbia Valley

93 points

Musky scents of black raspberry, flowers and smoky resinous herbs. Wonderfully sweet, fat, smooth wine with terrific depth to its raspberry and spice flavors lifted by pomegranate and herbs and complicated by leather and animal nuances. (I was reminded of a Cornas from Thierry Allemand.) Not at all austere for this bottling--in fact, this is harmonious from the start. The tannins arrive late and are nicely wrapped in the wine's glyceric fruit. This highly concentrated Syrah has very good aging potential.

2014 Chester-Kidder, Red Wine - Columbia Valley

93 points

Musky, slightly high-toned aromas of dark raspberry, black olive, licorice and smoked meat are lifted by a violet topnote. Wonderfully sweet, densely packed wine with terrific fruit intensity and substantial baby fat. This creamy, horizontal blend finishes plush and long, with serious, broad palate- and tooth-coating tannins, a distinct spiciness and no rough edges. A very harmonious 2014.

2014 Saggi, Red Wine - Columbia Valley

90 points

Cherry and raspberry fruit aromas are complicated by a floral quality; showing its Sangiovese side. Shapely and concentrated, with red fruit and menthol flavors displaying good energy and definition. The wine's substantial dusty tannins need a year or two to resolve.

2016 Poet's Leap, Riesling – Columbia Valley

90 points

Aromas and flavors of orange zest, peach, ginger and five-spice powder. Offers good body and purity, with a touch of sweetness buffered by ripe acidity and just enough minerality to maintain its shape. Finishes with good spicy persistence, an intriguing element of salinity and a late note of lime blossom.