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2012 Chester-Kidder Proprietary Red

Columbia Valley, WA

94 points

The finest vintage for the cuvee to date. It's a serious, age-worthy beauty that sports an inky purple color to go with notes of ripe black currants, toast oak, spice-box and espresso roast. Full-bodied, luxuriously textured and concentrated, it has ample underlying tannin and will see its 30th birthday in fine form!

2013 Pirouette Proprietary Red

Columbia Valley, WA

93 points

Philippe Melka's 2013 Pirouette is no slouch and offers serious amounts of ripe black cherry fruits, graphite, hints of chocolate and plenty of sweet oak in a beautifully concentrated, ripe, textured package. Made from 63% Cabernet Sauvignon, 20% Merlot, 12% Petit Verdot and 5% Cabernet Franc (mostly from Red Mountain) that spent 22 months in 75% new French oak, give bottle 3-5 years in the cellar and enjoy over the following decade or more.

2013 Sequel Syrah

Columbia Valley, WA

91-93 points

The 2013 Syrah Sequel gives up a big, rich, decadent style as well as lots of ripe black fruits, caramelized meats, licorice and wood-smoke like aromas and flavors. In a vintage that too often comes up short on texture and richness, this beauty delivers in spades. It should drink nicely right out of the gate.

2013 Pedestal Merlot

Columbia Valley, WA

94 points

One of my favorites in the 2013 lineup is the 2013 Pedestal Merlot. Its deep purple color is followed by fabulous notes of plums, coffee beans, spice box and sweet oak in a full-bodied, decadent, ripe and expansive package. In general, Cabernet was more successful than Merlot in 2013, but you wouldn't know it by tasting this beauty.

2013 Saggi Proprietary Red

Columbia Valley, WA

89 points

Made from 59% Sangiovese, 32% Cabernet Sauvignon and 9% Syrah, aged 18 months in 55% new French oak, it offers pretty Sangiovese notes of cedary spice and dark fruits, integrated acidity and a good finish. Give bottles 2-3 years in the cellar to let the tannin integrate, at which point it will be easier to see where the fruit/tannin balance is headed.

2013 Feather Cabernet Sauvignon

Columbia Valley, WA

92+ points

The 2013 Feather (100% Cabernet) sports an inky purple color to go with firm, masculine notes of dark chocolate, smoked earth, roasted coffee, graphite and ripe black currants. Beautifully concentrated, with solid mid-palate depth and masses of ripe tannin.

2014 Poet's Leap Riesling

Columbia Valley, WA

90 points

The 2014 Poet's Leap is another white that perfectly balances its juicy acidity and nicely integrated sweetness. Quince, green apples, lychee and mint all emerge from this medium-bodied, crisp, elegant Riesling that's drinking great today. It's amazing to see the freshness and purity that this team is able to get, even in these record-breaking hot vintages.