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2021 Chester-Kidder Proprietary Red Columbia Valley, WA

93 points

The 2021 Chester Kidder is a blend of 60% Cabernet Sauvignon, 29% Syrah and 11% Petit Verdot, matured for 30 months in 80% new French oak. It has pure aromas of cassis, violets, milk chocolate, soy sauce and graphite. The full-bodied palate is ripe and plush with nuanced, spicy flavors, juicy acidity and a long, latent finish.

2021 Pedestal Merlot

Columbia Valley, WA

91 points

The 2021 Pedestal Merlot was blended with 11% Cabernet Sauvignon and 9% Petit Verdot and matured for 22 months in 75% new French oak. It takes some time to reveal aromas of blackcurrant, blueberry, mint chocolate, violet and allspice. The full-bodied palate is plush, ripe and concentrated with generous oak spice, just enough fresh acidity and a latent finish.

2021 Pirouette Proprietary Red

Columbia Valley, WA

91 points

The 2021 Pirouette is composed of 55% Cabernet Sauvignon, 36% Merlot, 7% Petit Verdot and 2% Malbec. Initial tarry tones give way to black cherry fruit, soy sauce, coffee beans and baking spice from its 22-month élevage in 80% new French oak. The full-bodied palate offers concentrated, spicy flavors framed by firm tannins and just enough fresh acidity, and it has a long, gently warm finish.

2021 Sequel Syrah

Columbia Valley, WA

92 points

The 2021 Syrah Sequel was made with around one-third whole clusters and matured for 18 months in 65% new French oak. It has alluring scents of cassis, milk chocolate, aniseed and soaring violet perfume, and it reveals additional nuance as it opens in the glass. The full-bodied palate matches concentrated flavors with generous new oak spice. It's structured by firm, grippy tannins and vibrant acidity and has a long, layered finish.

2021 Saggi Proprietary Red

Columbia Valley, WA

91 points

The 2021 Saggi is a blend of 62% Sangiovese, 26% Cabernet Sauvignon and 12% Syrah matured for 18 months in 55% new French oak. It has layered aromas of wild berries, woodsmoke, savory herbs and floral perfume. The full-bodied palate offers concentrated, earth-laced flavors. It's structured by sandy tannins and bright acidity and has a long, spicy finish.

2021 Feather Cabernet Sauvignon

Columbia Valley, WA

93 points

Matured for 22 months in 85% new French oak, the 2021 Cabernet Sauvignon Feather takes some air to reveal aromas of cassis, blueberry, aniseed, lavender and chocolate. The full-bodied palate is ripe and concentrated with silky tannins and just enough fresh acidity, and it has a long, floral finish.

2022 Dance Chardonnay

Columbia Valley, WA

91 points

The 2022 Chardonnay Dance was fermented and matured for 17 months in new and used oak and concrete. It has layered aromas of white peach, panna cotta, graham cracker and jasmine. The full-bodied palate is silky and nuanced. It balances concentrated flavors with mouthwatering acidity and has a long, refreshing finish.

2023 Cymbal Sauvignon Blanc

Columbia Valley, WA

91 points

The 2023 Cymbal Sauvignon Blanc was matured for six months in cement, stainless steel and French oak (25% new). It has gregarious aromas of peach, guava, beeswax and tropical flowers. The medium-bodied palate is ripe and concentrated. Its generous flavors are foiled by vibrant acidity, and it has a long, flavorful finish.

2023 Poet's Leap Riesling

Columbia Valley, WA

93 points

The 2023 Riesling Poet's Leap features pure scents of peach, apricot, beeswax, citrus blossoms and green herbs. The light-bodied palate offers crisp, well-defined flavors. Its racy acidity is balanced by around 10 grams per liter residual sugar, and it has a long, vibrant finish.

2020 Pedestal, Vintage Select

Columbia Valley, WA

90 points

The 2020 Pedestal Vintage Select is a blend of 50% Cabernet Sauvignon and 50% Merlot matured for 22 months in 70% new French oak. It has gregarious aromas of powdered sugar, black cherry candy, dried blackcurrants and floral perfume. The full-bodied palate is ripe and dense with firm, chalky tannins and a slightly warm finish. Pair it with grilled meats over the next 3-5 years.

2020 Pirouette, Vintage Select, Solo Dancer Columbia Valley, WA

92 points

The 2020 Pirouette Vintage Select Solo Dancer is a blend of 70% Cabernet Sauvignon, 23% Merlot and 7% Cabernet Franc. The nose is bursting with cassis, blueberries, aniseed and violet, plus wafts of vanilla and brown sugar from its 22 months in 80% new French oak. The full-bodied palate offers floral flavors and generous oak spice. It has soft, supple tannins, just enough juicy acidity and a long, slightly warm finish.

2020 Sequel, Vintage Select, Bin 898

Columbia Valley, WA

91 points

The 2020 Sequel Vintage Select Bin 898 Syrah was matured for 18 months in 60% new French oak. It has gregarious scents of cassis, vanilla, violet, licorice and tar. The full-bodied palate is concentrated and elegant with a frame of silky tannins and juicy acidity, and it has a long, layered finish.

2019 SHOUP Columbia Valley, WA

93 points

The 2019 Shoup is composed of 58% Cabernet Sauvignon, with smaller amounts in descending order of Merlot, Petit Verdot and Malbec. It matured for 22 months in 85% new French oak. It has arresting aromas of cassis, candied violets, game meats, licorice and forest floor. The full-bodied palate features concentrated, nuanced flavors, and its new oak is well integrated. It's structured by powdery tannins and fireworks of fresh acidity and has a long, gently savory finish.