



Reviews by Eric Guido

Long Shadows Vintners Collection

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2019 Feather, Cabernet Sauvignon - Columbia Valley

94 points

Dark and exotic in the glass, the 2019 Feather, a varietal Cabernet Sauvignon, impresses with a burst of dusty rose and black raspberries lifted by a hint of fresh mint. This is supremely elegant, with silky textures and wild berry fruit underscored by saline-minerals and silty coating tannins forming toward the close. The Feather displays its heroic structure through the finale, tapering off with tremendous length, as notes of sweet tobacco and lavender slowly fade.

2019 Pirouette, Red Wine - Columbia Valley

94 points

The 2019 Pirouette is dark and spicy in the glass, with black raspberry, dusty rose and hints of mocha forming its bouquet. Its textures are something to behold, nearly velvety in feel, with potent red and black fruits accentuated by notes of baking spice and dark chocolate. The Pirouette finishes structured and long, leaving primary concentration and youthfully grippy tannins to linger.

2019 Pedestal, Merlot - Columbia Valley

94 points

The 2019 Pedestal Merlot is darkly alluring with dusty blue-toned florals, wild berries, lavender and just a hint of mocha. This flows across the palate like pure silk, elegant and refined, yet youthfully sleek, displaying floral-laced blue fruits. This is such an incredibly pretty vintage of Pedestal.

2019 Sequel, Syrah - Columbia Valley

95 points

Musky black currants, dried violets, grilled herbs and mocha can all be found as the 2019 Sequel Syrah smolders up from the glass. This is a textural animal, velvety-smooth with sleek contours and polished ripe black fruits.

2019 Chester-Kidder, Red Wine - Columbia Valley

93+ points

The 2019 Chester-Kidder exotic and earthy in style, with ashen stones, graphite, black currants and hints of rosemary forming its bouquet. This is silky and sleek, with racy acidity propelling its mineral-tinged red and black fruits. It leaves a coating of trippy tannins to linger, pinching at the cheeks with youthful concentration, as sweet herbal tones slowly fade.

2019 Saggi, Red Wine - Columbia Valley**93 points**

The 2019 Saggi wafts up with a rich mix of crushed raspberries, smoky grilled herbs and a dusting of cocoa. It's silky-smooth and cool-toned on the palate, with tart wild berry fruits, a core of zesty acidity and violet inner florals, amassing toward the close. This finishes with echoes of blackberry and sour citrus notes while leaving a staining of fine-grained tannins.

2021 Poet's Leap, Riesling – Columbia Valley**92 points**

The 2020 Poet's Leap Riesling is decidedly green in character, wafting up with notes of lychee, lime zest and crushed green apple. This flows across the palate with grace, displaying a pleasant inner sweetness, as tropical citrus and saline-minerals add a lovely tension throughout. This tapers off with young mango notes accentuated by a salty flourish through the long and crisply refreshing finale. The 2021 is so balanced and refined, just 12.5% alcohol, and at just under one gram of residual sugar per liter.

2020 Dance, Chardonnay - Columbia Valley**90 points**

The 2020 Dance Chardonnay is remarkably pretty and finessed with sweet florals, yellow apple and a lovely hint of mint. It's deeply textural with medium-bodied weight, showing notes of baked apple and baking spice.

2021 Cymbal, Sauvignon Blanc - Columbia Valley**93 points**

A burst of pineapple, kiwi, lemongrass and crushed stone emanates up from the 2021 Cymbal Sauvignon Blanc. Silky, almost opulent in feel, with a salty core of minerality, this impresses with an exotic mix of spiced orange and red curries. The 2021 lingers impossibly long, with a lovely tension. There is so much character packed into the zesty 2021 Sauvignon.