



Reviews by Eric Guido

## **Long Shadows Vintners Collection**

**October 2023**

### **2020 Feather, Cabernet Sauvignon - Columbia Valley**

**94 points**

The 2020 Feather, 100% Cabernet Sauvignon, is vibrant in the glass, with a gorgeous and perfumed blend of bright cherries, sage and exotic spice. It coats across the palate, energetic and sleek, with silky textures and polished red berry fruits. Tactile mineral tones mingle with edgy tannins, yet the mouth is left watering for more. This finishes lightly structured, with a pleasant bitter twang.

### **2020 Pirouette, Red Wine - Columbia Valley**

**93 points**

The 2020 is spicy with a dark and brooding bouquet of musky black currant, grilled herbs, cocoa and ashen stone. This is velvety smooth yet lifted in feel, with a combination of red and blue fruit that flows across a core of juicy acidity. It leaves the palate caked in primary concentration and fine tannins, as a mentholated herbal tinge adds freshness and suggestions of tobacco fade.

### **2020 Pedestal, Merlot - Columbia Valley**

**93 points**

The 2020 is dark and spicy, suggesting notes of dark chocolate and grilled herbs that give way to crushed blackberries and hints of camphor. It's luscious and round, with a measured inner sweetness and masses of ripe red and blue fruits that swirl throughout. This leaves a tort wild berry tinge and fine-grained tannins to linger. Finishing long with hints of mocha and sour orange, the 2020 steps lightly but leaves a big impact. Beautiful."

### **2020 Sequel, Syrah - Columbia Valley**

**91+ points**

The 2020 Sequel is coy in the glass, showing only balsamic spice, cocoa and dried black cherry nuances. It's on the palate where it impresses most, with a saline-mineral tinge upfront elevated by brisk acidity as crisp red and black fruits cascade, giving way to violet inner florals and hints of briny olive. The 2020 finishes structured and long, yet expertly balanced, with a savory herbal tinge and a tart blackberry concentration that promises years of evolution.

### **2020 Chester-Kidder, Red Wine - Columbia Valley**

**92 points**

Savory herbs, wet stone, tobacco and hints of dark chocolate waft up from the 2020 Chester-Kidder. It's dark and ripe, displaying red and black fruits that flow across a dense, silken textural wave. Zesty acidity adds balance and a mouthwatering quality to the finish. The 2020 tapers off long and spicy, allowing just a hint of heat to poke through.

**2020 Saggi, Red Wine - Columbia Valley****92 points**

The 2020 Saggi is a dark and imposing effort, with a brooding blend of crushed ashen stones, tobacco and currant. It's silky-smooth and guided by juicy, cooling acidity, with ripe red and blue fruits underscored by saline minerals. This finishes long, leaving a primary concentration to linger, along with grippy tannins that frame the experience well.

**2022 Poet's Leap, Riesling – Columbia Valley****91 points**

The 2022 Poet's Leap impresses with its spicy bouquet of lemongrass, ginger, green melon, crushed stone and hints of petrol. This is soft textured and soothing, with a measured inner sweetness and salty mineral tones to contrast the ripe orchard fruits within. The 2020 leaves the palate completely refreshed and the mouth watering for more, finishing with hints of kiwi and candied lime. This is gorgeous, clocking in at just under one gram-per-liter of residual sugar.

**2021 Dance, Chardonnay - Columbia Valley****92 points**

Sweet spices, vanilla custard and freshly-sliced peach introduce the 2021 Dance. This blends richness with verve, showing depths of ripe orchard fruits and sweet mint on the palate that create a display of pure pleasure. Hints of raw almond and baked apple linger as the 2021 finishes long, clean and refreshing. This walks the line of opulence yet lands on the side of balance. Nicely done.

**2022 Cymbal, Sauvignon Blanc - Columbia Valley****92 points**

The 2022 Cymbal bursts from the glass with an intense mix of crushed grapefruit, sage and freshly-cut grass. This is luxuriously soft and round, with ripe mineral-tinged nectarines and sweet spices wonderfully balanced by a core of saline minerality. It finishes dramatically long and spicy, with a sour melon tinge that leaves the mouth watering for more. The 2022 Cymbal is one of the most refined Washington State Sauvignon Blancs I have come across.

**2019 Shoup, Red Wine - Columbia Valley****95 points**

Brown spices and dusty dried florals complicate crushed blackberries and plums as the 2019 Shoup smolders up from the glass. Velvety and round, it flows across the palate like molten chocolate, ushering in ripe red and black fruits as a saline mineral tinge adds savory depth toward the close. The 2019 wraps the palate in a web of grippy tannins, tapering off dramatically long with a bitter balsamic tinge and echoes of savory herbs.