

# JEB DUNNUCK

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## LONG SHADOWS



### Feather 2015 Cabernet Sauvignon By Randy Dunn

**97 points**

"The 2015 Feather Cabernet Sauvignon is 100% Cabernet Sauvignon that was brought up in 90% new French oak barrels. Its inky purple color is followed by a seamless, pure, impeccable balanced Cabernet that has loads of currants, scorched earth, graphite, and espresso aromas and flavors. Deep, rich, gorgeously pure and polished, with building tannin, it's a heavenly Cabernet Sauvignon that has everything you could want. It's the finest vintage to date of this cuvée and is capable of lasting for 20-25 years."



### Pedestal 2015 Merlot By Michel Rolland

**96 points**

"The 2015 Pedestal Merlot from Long Shadows is a blend of 75% Merlot, 15% Cabernet Sauvignon, and 10% Petit Verdot aged 22 months in 85% new French oak barrels. Crème de cassis, wood smoke, scorched earth, and graphite characteristics all emerge from this rich, full-bodied, voluptuous beauty that has more mid-palate depth and richness than any other Merlot made in the state. With ample tannin, it will benefit from a year or three and keep for 15. It's a gorgeous wine."



### Pirouette 2015 Bordeaux-style Blend By Philippe Melka

**95 points**

"The 2015 Pirouette Red Wine is a Cabernet Sauvignon dominated cuvée that includes 21% Merlot, 11% Petit Verdot and 3% Malbec. It spent 22 months in 75% new French oak. Blackcurrants, dark chocolate, crushed rock, and graphite notions all dominate this rich, opulent, beautifully concentrated, layered red. It has enough tannin to warrant short-term cellaring and is going to keep for 10-15+ years."



### Sequel 2015 Syrah By John Duval

**95 points**

"Incorporating 7% Cabernet Sauvignon, the 2015 Sequel Syrah wasn't destemmed and spent 18 months in 65% new French oak. Its inky purple color is followed by a huge nose of blackberry liqueur, espresso roast, scorched earth, and dark chocolate. A full-bodied, beautiful Syrah that has remarkable freshness and purity, fine tannin, and a great, great finish. It's always a pedal-to-the-metal effort, yet the 2015 stays beautifully fresh and lively on the palate. This is certainly one of the finest vintages to date."



### Chester Kidder 2014 Proprietary Red By Gilles Nicault

**94+ points**

"Looking at the 2014 Chester Kidder Red Wine, it's a blend of 66% Cabernet Sauvignon, 28% Syrah, and 6% Petit Verdot that spent 30 months in 85% new French oak. This inky purple-colored beauty offers a rocking bouquet of blackcurrants, scorched earth, and dark chocolate, full-bodied richness, a stacked mid-palate, and ripe, polished tannin. It's a big, rich, age-worthy red that styles impeccably balanced and lively, with notable purity. Count me in as a fan."



### Saggi 2015 Super Tuscan-style Blend

**94 points**

"Crème de cassis, ripe black cherries, licorice, and toasty oak all emerge from the 2015 Saggi Red Wine, which is a blend of 62% Sangiovese, 28% Cabernet Sauvignon, and 10% Syrah. With an inky color, full-bodied richness, fine, polished tannin and a great finish, it's another terrific wine from this estate that's going to evolve beautifully for 10-15 years."



### Poet's Leap 2016 Riesling

**90 points**

"The 2016 Poet's Leap Riesling sports a light gold color to go with lots of lychee nut, crushed rocks, lime, and hints of petrol. It's clean, off-dry, beautifully balanced, and has a great finish. It's good today, but this cuvée can age nicely for over a decade."