

2016  
**Thunderstone Syrah**  
Columbia Valley



Release Date:  
Fall 2019

Blend:  
100% Syrah

pH:  
4.1

Alcohol:  
15.1%

Winemaker:  
Aryn Morell

Case Production:  
170

MSRP:  
\$45/bottle

Awards & Accolades:  
93 points - Jeb Dunnuck

A ripe, exotic, downright gamey Syrah that's going to be loved by the Northern Rhône lovers out there. Ground pepper, blueberries, lavender, and smoked meat notes, medium to full body, good acidity, and ripe tannins all make for an exotic, upfront, serious Syrah to drink over the coming 8-10 years." - Jeb Dunnuck

### The Winemaking

Made from a 0.8 acre section of our Scarline Syrah block planted with the Joseph Phelps Syrah clone. Fermented with 75% whole clusters and aged in standard Burgundy sized barrels (228L). This is the only Syrah we age in standard sized barrels with 29% of them being new. The toast is kept light on the new barrels to keep the toast impression down while adding some tension and freshness to the wine. The wine is stirred for the last six months and is bottled unfinned and unfiltered.

### The Vineyard

Gård Vintners is 100% estate grown sustainably at Lawrence Vineyards on the Royal Slope of the Columbia Valley AVA, featuring seven distinct vineyard sites with elevations ranging 930 feet to 1,675 feet. The combination of elevation and south-facing slope provides a great framework for grape production, while the diversity of the seven locations delivers a high level of complexity to Gård wines. Lawrence Vineyards is certified sustainable by Vinewise.org.

### The Winery

Founded in 2006, Gård Vintners is a family-owned and operated estate winery on the Royal Slope in the heart of Washington's Columbia Valley AVA, with Aryn Morell at the helm as winemaker at our production facility in Walla Walla, and tasting rooms in Ellensburg, Walla Walla and Woodinville.

Our mission at Gård is to capture and bottle the unique characteristics of the land we farm. We humbly craft value-driven, award-winning wines from our sustainable estate vineyards to create lasting memories for our customers.