

2016
**Grand Klasse
Reserve Syrah**
Columbia Valley



Release Date:
Summer 2020

Blend:
100% Syrah

pH:
3.85

Alcohol:
14.9%

Winemaker:
Aryn Morell

Cases Produced:
215

MSRP:
\$50/bottle

The Wine

Intense floral blue fruits, hardwood smoke, bacon fat and garrigue. Swirling brings up plum, blueberry and blackberry compote with black pepper and spicy charcuterie. The palate is dense with sweet and smoky fruit, silky tannins and a bright lifted finish. An uncompromising Syrah.

Fermented in 80% concrete tanks, 6% whole cluster. Aged in 75% new French oak puncheons for 20 months. Made from 4 picks and 3 different clones from the Scarline blocks. 60% Joseph Phelps, 20% Sara Lee and 20% Tablas Creek Clone. Meant to deliver pure, dark and concentrated flavors. With the addition of the Thunderstone and Winemaker's Select Syrahs, this wine drops right in between the savory nature of the Thunderstone and the smoldering intensity of the Winemaker's Select.

The Vineyard

Gård Vintners is 100% estate grown sustainably at Lawrence Vineyards, featuring eight distinct vineyard sites in the Royal Slope AVA and Conner Lee Vineyard in the Columbia Valley AVA. With elevations that range 930 feet to 1,675 feet and primarily a south-facing slope, Lawrence Vineyards provides a great framework for grape production, while the diversity of each of the locations delivers a high level of complexity to Gård wines. Lawrence Vineyards is certified sustainable by Vinewise.org.

The Grand Klasse Reserve Label

Inspired by the French Grand Cru wines, Gård "Grand Klasse" is our reserve-level program, aptly named in reflection of our Scandinavian heritage. It represents the top tier of Gård wines. To be designated "Grand Klasse," each wine must meet strict standards of quality and is blended, bottled and aged with the utmost of care to bring you the very best of our grapes and effort in the bottle.

The Winery

Gård, meaning "farm" in many of the Scandinavian languages, is a tribute to our family's Scandinavian heritage and farming tradition. Founded in 2006, Gård Vintners is a family-owned and operated estate winery in the heart of Washington's Royal Slope AVA, with vineyards on the Royal Slope, wine production in Walla Walla with tasting rooms in Ellensburg, Walla Walla and Woodinville.

