

2017
Grand Klasse
Reserve Roussanne
Columbia Valley



Release Date:
Summer 2020

Blend:
100% Roussanne

pH:
3.44

Alcohol:
12.5%

Winemaker:
Aryn Morell

Cases Produced:
65

MSRP:
\$28/bottle

The Wine

Complex nose of caramelized citrus, honeycomb, orange blossom and bloomed baking spices. A swirl adds lightly toasted brioche, ripe nectarine skin and white tea. The palate has uncanny texture with bright acidity dancing around citrus and stone fruit. This wine is hauntingly nuanced. This is the first year this wine was made in a new 600L Stockinger barrel from Austria. As eastern European oak tends to lean towards spicier aromatics and palate influence, it adds layers of complexity while keeping some tension in the wine through the barrel's tannin and combination of stave thickness/cooperage size. We rolled the wine to incorporate the lees, as we do with many other wines, but with Roussanne it is especially important as its tendency to oxidize is quite high. This wine was bottled without fining and only a light filtration to improve clarity.

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 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

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.

