Thunderstone Syrah

Royal Slope AVA





Release Date: Summer 2020

2017

Blend: 100% Syrah

> pH: **4.2**

Alcohol: 15.1%

Winemaker: Aryn Morell

Cases Produced: 208

MSRP: \$45/bottle

Awards & Accolades:

91 points - Wine Enthusiast





The Wine

Savory black fruit, tobacco, leafy green herbs and a meaty undertone. Swirling gives this a mouthwatering umami quality to the muddled black fruits. Round and ethereal with a weightless quality. It's pithy and persistent with a tapenade-inflected finish.

The Winemaking

Made from a 0.8 acre section of our Scarline Syrah block planted with Joseph Phelps Clone. Fermented with 80% whole clusters and aged initially in standard Burgundy sized barrels (228L). After 10 months the wine was blended and then transferred into 500L barrels to slow the wine down and hold onto more primary fruit. The wine is typically stirred for the last 6 months and is bottled unfined and unfiltered.

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 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.