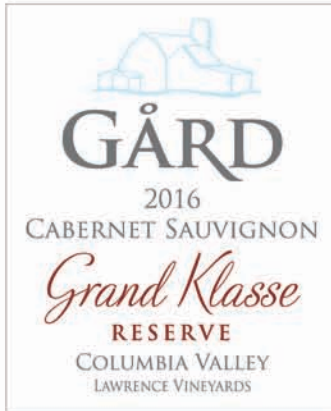


2016
Grand Klasse Reserve
Cabernet Sauvignon
Columbia Valley



Release Date:
Summer 2020

Blend
**97% Cabernet
Sauvignon
3% Merlot**

pH:
3.60

Alcohol:
14.5%

Winemaker:
Aryn Morell

Cases Produced:
100

MSRP:
\$55/bottle



The Wine

Smoldering black tea, black currants, cassis, raspberry puree and vanilla bean. Swirling adds ripe plum skin, caramelized strawberry and a hint of savory herbs. The palate is round and generous with plush textures and fine supporting tannins. Layers of ripe red and black fruits carry this into a long beautiful finish.

Fermented in 88% concrete and 12% stainless steel. Aged in 100% new French oak for our longest élevage to date of 26 months. This is the first time we've included any Merlot in this wine and adds some textural depth and aromatic perfume. Certainly the extra élevage gives the wine extra density and persistence. One of Aryn's favorite Grand Klasse Cabs to date.

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.