

2017  
Cabernet Sauvignon  
Grand Klasse Reserve  
Royal Slope/Columbia Valley



Release Date:  
**February 2021**

Blend:  
**100% Cabernet Sauvignon**

pH:  
**3.64**

Alcohol:  
**14.8%**

Winemaker:  
**Aryn Morell**

Cases Produced:  
**138**

MSRP:  
**\$55/bottle**

Awards & Accolades:  
**92 pts - Stephen Tanzer/Vinous**



### The Wine

This medium-purple Cabernet Sauvignon begins with fresh notes of cassis, blackberry, oak spice, and menthol. The wine opens to riper notes of kirsch, dark chocolate, figs, and hints of coffee beans and vanilla. The mouthfeel is medium bodied with great structure and nice balance, especially for being this young. Round with the perfect amount of sweetness, the wine finishes long and dry.

### The Winemaking

The Grand Klasse fruit was manually harvested and carefully sorted. The grapes were fermented in concrete and stainless steel, then lightly pressed into Bordeaux-style barrels. The wine aged in new French oak for 28 months before going into bottle.

### The Vineyard

Gård Vintners is 100% estate grown sustainably at Lawrence Vineyards, featuring eight distinct vineyard sites in the Royal Slope 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. We also farm vineyards on the Wahluke Slope and Conner Lee in the Columbia Valley. 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. 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.