

2017
Skål - Late Disgorged
Sparkling Wine
Columbia Valley



Release Date:
Summer 2020

Blend:
**50% Chardonnay
50% Pinot Noir**

pH:
3.22

Alcohol:
12.0%

Winemaker:
Aryn Morell

Bottles Produced:
84

MSRP:
\$75/bottle

The Wine

A "Méthode Champenoise" sparkling wine made from five clones of Chardonnay (Wente, 76, 96, 95 and 15) and five clones of Pinot Noir (Pommard, 114, 115, 667 and 777) from Solaksen vineyard. Harvested at night on August 24, 2017, to maintain maximum freshness. Hand-sorted and whole-cluster pressed to tank, where it settled for 48 hours. The juice was then transferred to concrete eggs for primary fermentation, which lasted for two and a half weeks. The wine was then sulfured and held for two and a half more months before being bottled for its second fermentation.

Disgorged February 24, 2020, with zero dosage.

Explosive notes of chalky sea spray, brioche and spun sugar with kumquat and caramelized lemons. Rich and caramelized citrus and stone fruits on the palate with beguiling angularity and suave textures at the same time. A superfine mousse that adds to the creamy lift on the palate. This finishes with pithy persistence and roasted marcona almonds. A very serious sparkling wine.

The Vineyard

Gård Vintners is 100% estate grown sustainably at Lawrence Vineyards, featuring eight distinct vineyard sites on the Royal Slope, plus Conner Lee Vineyard, all in the Columbia Valley AVA, and Desert Wind vineyard on the Wahluke Slope. 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

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.

