

2016

WINEMAKER'S SELECT SYRAH

Columbia Valley



Release Date:
Spring 2019

Alcohol:
14.9%

Winemaker:
Aryn Morell

Cases:
53 cases

MSRP:
\$75/bottle

94
POINTS

Also inky colored, the 2016 Syrah Winemaker Select Lawrence Estate Wines was mostly destemmed (there's 7% whole cluster) and saw nine months in new 300-liter barrels followed by 8 months in neutral larger barrels. Made in tiny quantities (there are 53 cases), it gives up a much more classic Columbia Valley style in its pure red and blue fruits, spice, graphite, and crushed flowers. Clean, pure, and incredibly elegant, with both richness and freshness, it glides over the palate and is perfectly balanced. It's another incredibly high-quality wine from this team that's well worth seeking out.

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The Wine

A new wine meant to showcase the best of our Scarline Syrah blocks. Made from 50% Joseph Phelps, 25% Sara Lee and 25% Tablas Creek clones. Fermented in 75% concrete tanks, 7% whole cluster and aged in 100% new custom 300L French oak barrels made by Tonnellerie Ô for 9 months. A barrel selection is then made and then blend is transferred into twice used 500L's. A final selection of one 500L is made for the actual bottling.

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Intoxicating nose of smoked meat and charcuterie with wood spice and bacon fat mixed with huge amounts of blackberry, black currants, black tea and plum puree. Swirling just magnifies the original nose while adding black pepper and spring flowers. Dense and structured with pressed fruits and meaty undertones. This is a massive wine that stays remarkably light on its feet. Drinks like a young Guigal La Mouline. - Aryn Morell

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 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.

Our mission at Gård is to capture and bottle the unique characteristics of the land we farm. We humbly craft value-driven, award-winning wines from our sustainable estate vineyards to create lasting memories for our customers.