

2017
Vaucluse
Red Blend
Royal Slope AVA



Release Date:
Summer 2020

Blend:
**75% Syrah
25% Grenache**

pH:
3.78

Alcohol:
14.6%

Winemaker:
Aryn Morell

Cases:
238

MSRP:
\$40/bottle

Accolades:
**92 pts - Jeb Dunnuck
91 pts - Vinous**

"Garrigue, plum skin, black tea, savory and black olive create a dark and intensely perfumed nose. Swirling brings up sweet black fruits like plums, currants, black cherry and a reduced blackberry puree. The palate starts with breadth and polish and transitions into dark fruits and hardwood smoke and spice. The wine finishes with fine but serious tannin, dehydrated black fruits and tea notes. Somehow staying perfumed while being brooding and intense."

- *Aryn Morell*

The Winemaking

Made from three different picks of Syrah between October 9 and 13 and from two different clones with Tablas Creek making up 50% of the blend and Joseph Phelps making up the other 25%. Each piece being fermented separately and then being blended after 10 months. Fermented in 95% stainless steel and 5% concrete with 12.5% whole cluster and then aged in 75% new French oak 500L's for 22 months. This was bottled unfinned and unfiltered.

The Vaucluse Story

Inspired by the Vaucluse department in the south of France, this Rhone blend is harvested from the fertile soils of our estate vineyard. Our Vaucluse is a reflection of the finest wines of the namesake region, located due east of France's Gard department. Within the Vaucluse lies Mondragon, a small village bearing the surname of our esteemed vineyard manager, Isidro Mondragon.

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.

