

2018
Viognier
Grand Klasse Reserve
Royal Slope/Columbia Valley



Release Date:
February 2021

Blend:
100% Viognier

pH:
3.43

Alcohol:
13.7%

Winemaker:
Aryn Morell

Cases Produced:
55

MSRP:
\$28/bottle

Wine Club Only



The Wine

This medium-yellow, 100% Viognier starts with ripe notes of peach, apricot, white flowers, wet stones, and flint. The wine opens to more secondary notes of oak spice, butterscotch, almond paste, blood orange skin, honeycomb candy, and a touch of musk. On the palate, the wine is medium-bodied and perfectly balanced with a beautiful finish.

The Winemaking

The fruit for this wine was grown sustainably and hand-harvested from our Corfu Crossing vineyard on the Royal Slope then carefully sorted. Grapes were gently pressed to conserve acidity. The juice was barrel fermented in 600L puncheons and went through full malolactic fermentation. The wine was aged in puncheons for 14 months and then bottle aged for another year before release.

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.