

2017  
Winemaker's Select  
Syrah  
Royal Slope/Columbia Valley



Release Date:  
**February 2021**

Blend:  
**100% Syrah**

pH:  
**3.75**

Alcohol:  
**15.5%**

Winemaker:  
**Aryn Morell**

Cases Produced:  
**77**

MSRP:  
**\$75/bottle**

Awards & Accolades:  
**94 pts - Jeb Dunnuck**  
**93+ pts - Stephen Tanzer/Vinous**



"Bright, full ruby. Northern Rhône scents of blackberry, dark raspberry, boysenberry, violet, licorice and mocha, plus a whiff of bloody charred steak; more Hermitage than Côte-Rôtie. Wonderfully sweet, savory, deep wine with a higher-pH mouth feel but no shortage of shape. Serious, rather wild Syrah with full but suave tannins and unflagging thickness of texture. Major palate presence here; this is more tannic and larger-scaled than the Grand Klasse Syrah. I retasted this mouthfilling wine five days later from the recorked bottle and it was still wonderfully vibrant, offering a lovely combination of dark raspberry, violet and spice flavors with a slight wild streak and very subtle oak." - Stephen Tanzer/Vinous

#### The Wine

This deep ruby, 100% Syrah shows notes of mature dark fruit, blackberry, boysenberry, raspberry confiture, and mocha. Swirling brings bacon fat, sandalwood, leather, oak spice, and roasted popcorn. Beautifully sweet and meaty, the mouthfeel is rich and round, with polished tannins and a very long finish.

#### The Winemaking

Wines from the Winemaker's Select Series are manually harvested and carefully sorted from the best spots of our vineyards. The fruit was barrel fermented and aged in 100% new French oak for 20 months before going into bottle. This is a beautiful Syrah for those who love a Northern Rhone style.

#### 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 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.