

2017  
**Merlot**  
Royal Slope AVA



Release Date:  
Fall 2020  
(Wine Club Exclusive)

Blend:  
100% Merlot

pH:  
3.72

Alcohol:  
14.8%

Winemaker:  
Aryn Morell

Cases Produced:  
45

MSRP:  
\$40/bottle

Good volume and structure, bramble fruits, black tea and bloomed baking spices are a highlight from this Merlot which should drink well for a decade or longer. Versatile for food pairings.

### The Winemaking

Fermented in 100% stainless steel tanks and blended after 10 months. The fruit is all from the Scarline Vineyard at our highest elevation for red fruit at roughly 1,600ft. Using the Pomerol clone, this Merlot tends to show more textural personality without the focus being purely on fruit. Using a judicious amount of new French oak to provide a good foundation for this more fleshy clone showcases the variety in a very classic way. This wine was bottled without fining or filtration.

### The Vineyard

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

