

2016
Grand Klasse
Reserve Roussanne
Columbia Valley



Release Date:
Fall 2019

Blend:
100% Roussanne

pH:
3.42

Alcohol:
13.8%

Winemaker:
Aryn Morell

Case Production:
125 cases

Suggested Retail Price:
\$28/bottle

Awards & Accolades:
91 points - Vinous

The Wine

A barrel fermented Roussanne reminiscent of the southern Rhone valley. Waxy notes of chamomile, honey and pithy stone fruits with a fresh but silky texture. I fight with this varietal every year, but we're getting closer to a version I'm beginning to really enjoy.

Rich, with notes of honey, shortbread and chamomile tea. Swirling adds lightly caramelized citrus, peach pit, sweet cream and white tea. The palate has good volume, freshness and a nice amount of structure, stretching the wine out to a long finish. Taut and youthful, this should age beautifully.

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 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. It represents the top tier of Gård wines, the best of what our estate vineyard has to offer. Award-winning wines produced by winemaker Aryn Morell to showcase the quality of the Lawrence Vineyards estate. 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 Columbia Valley AVA, with vineyards on the Royal Slope, wine production in Walla Walla with tasting rooms in Ellensburg, Walla Walla and Woodinville.