

2018
Skål
Sparkling Wine
Royal Slope AVA



Release Date:
Fall 2020

Blend:
**60% Pinot Noir
40% Chardonnay**

Residual Sugar:
3 g/L

pH:
3.2

Alcohol:
12.1%

Winemaker:
Aryn Morell

Cases Produced:
75

MSRP:
\$45/bottle

Cheers to a spectacular sparkling wine with great volume, luscious texture and a silkiness that balances the vibrant acidity. Subtle sweetness, with pear, Golden Delicious apple, lemon and a touch of nuttiness. Great early drinkability.

The Winemaking

A "Méthode Champenoise" sparkling wine made from five clones of Chardonnay (Wente, 76, 96, 95 and 15) and five clones of Pinot Noir (Pommard, 114, 115, 667 and 777) from Solaksen vineyard. Harvested at night to maintain maximum freshness, the grapes were then hand-sorted and whole-cluster pressed to tank, where the wine settled for 48 hours. The juice underwent primary fermentation, which lasted for two and a half weeks, before being sulfured and held for two and a half more months before being bottled for secondary fermentation. A longer élevage to gain a touch more classic nuttiness and aromatic development and a small dosage of 3 g/L of sugar, similar to the 2017, gives this wine round luscious texture with great early drinkability. A much lighter mousse in the 2018 due to different disgorging system.

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.

