

2017
Syrah
Grand Klasse Reserve
Royal Slope/Columbia Valley



Release Date:
February 2021

Blend:
100% Syrah

pH:
3.81

Alcohol:
15.1%

Winemaker:
Aryn Morell

Cases Produced:
185

MSRP:
\$50/bottle

Awards & Accolades:
92 pts - Stephen Tanzer/Vinous



The Wine

This medium-ruby Syrah comes from Scarline Vineyard, one of our oldest Syrah sites on the Royal Slope. The nose is intense, dark and savory, with aromas of blackberry, licorice, charred meat, leather and coffee. The wine opens to sweeter notes of strawberry puree, cocoa powder, oak spices and a touch of sandalwood. The mouthfeel is rich but balanced, with buttery texture and great sweetness, without missing length and structure. Another great Syrah from the Royal Slope that you can enjoy now or in the next 10 years.

The Winemaking

The Grand Klasse fruit was sustainably grown, hand-harvested and carefully sorted. The grapes were fermented in concrete and stainless steel, then lightly pressed into 500L puncheons. The wine aged in new and neutral French oak for 18 months before going into bottle.

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.