

2018
Vaucluse
Royal Slope/Columbia Valley



Release Date:
May 2021

Blend:
65% Syrah
34% Grenache
1% Mourvèdre

pH:
3.9

Alcohol:
14.8%

Cases Produced:
270

MSRP:
\$40/bottle



The Wine

Spicy plum skin, black currant, black tea and garrigue. Swirling allows the Grenache to push more red fruits and keep the wine bright and aromatically engaging. This vintage has a wider spectrum of aromas from bright red fruits, dark black fruits and savory spices. The palate is substantial, with sweet fruits and tannin structure to allow a wide range of food pairings but it's delicious and just serious enough to have on its own.

The Winemaking

Our benchmark Rhone inspired blend with a splash of the new Mourvèdre. Blended from two sites of Syrah, the Scarline and Solaksen vineyards as well as Grenache from Corfu Crossing and just a splash of Mourvèdre. Always a perfect balance of drinkability and seriousness. The 2018 is more food friendly with the Grenache being more prominent but it has plenty of heft to be enjoyed by itself. The new barrel use has been brought down a little bit to show a touch more primary fruit.

About the Name

Inspired by the Vaucluse department in the south of France, this Rhone blend is harvested from the fertile soils of our estate vineyard. Our Vaucluse is a reflection of the finest wines of the namesake region, located due east of France's Gard department (known for the famed Pont du Gard, a Roman aqueduct on the Gardon River). Within the Vaucluse lies Mondragon, a small village bearing the surname of our esteemed vineyard manager, Isidro Mondragon.

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.