

2018  
Thunderstone  
Royal Slope/Columbia Valley



Release Date:  
**May 2021**

Blend:  
**100% Syrah**

pH:  
**4.1**

Alcohol:  
**15.9%**

Cases Produced:  
**125**

MSRP:  
**\$50/bottle**

### The Wine

Intense and heavy on the nose with savory spices, clove, sweet tobacco, plums, smoked blueberry and black cherry. A meaty charcuterie note complicates the fruit and spice while a mouthwatering salinity streaks through. With a swirl the wine actually tightens up and comingles black olive, black fruits and fig paste. The palate is massive but remarkably fresh, with silky tannins and a complex finish of fruit, spice and salinity.

### The Winemaking

A blend of vineyards for the first time with our standard 0.8 acre section of the Scarline Vineyard making up 63% and 37% of the fruit coming from the Stoneridge vineyard. Still fermented with over 75% whole cluster giving this wine the classic savory notes as well as the fruit intensity and unbelievable texture this wine has begun to show.

### About the Name

Thunderstones are ancient artifacts, oftentimes arrowheads, turned up in the soil from farmers' plows and regarded in folklore as having been cast to the earth from thunderbolts. In Scandinavia thunderstones were frequently worshiped as family gods who kept off spells and witchcraft.

### 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.

