

2019
Roussanne
Grand Klasse Reserve
Columbia Valley



Release Date:
February 2022

Blend:
100% Roussanne

pH:
3.65

Alcohol:
14.3%

Cases Produced:
55

MSRP:
\$32/bottle



The Wine

The nose opens with peach pit, dried apricot, chamomile, acacia flowers and marcona almond paste. Swirling brings up stone fruits, a hint of citrus and a caramel note reminiscent of bananas Foster. The palate is polished and silky, with spun sugar and a pithy citrus crème finish. A perfect example of the incredible elegance and texture of Roussanne.

The Winemaking

Aged again in a new 600L Stockinger barrel from Austria. As eastern European oak tends to lean towards spicier aromatics and palate influence, we thought it would add some layers of complexity to the Roussanne and help keep some tension in the wine through the barrel's tannin and combination of stave thickness/cooperage size. We rolled the wine to incorporate the lees, as we do with many other wines, but with Roussanne it is especially important as its tendency to oxidize is quite high. This wine was bottled without fining and only a light filtration to improve clarity.

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 Prosser, tasting rooms in Ellensburg, Walla Walla and Woodinville and Gård Public House restaurant in Royal City.