

2018  
Riesling  
Grand Klasse Reserve  
Royal Slope/Columbia Valley



Release Date:  
**August 2021**

Blend:  
**100% Riesling**

pH:  
**3.13**

RS:  
**1.2g/L**

Alcohol:  
**14.1%**

Cases Produced:  
**55**

MSRP:  
**\$30/bottle**

### The Wine

Explosively aromatic, with white flowers, orange marmalade, caramelized citrus creme and white tea. Hints of honeycomb and honeysuckle start to show with some air as well as a touch of lychee and kumquat. The palate is round and intense with citrus, tea and a floral lift at the finish. This has enough structure to pair very well with a wide range of dishes, while not adding the typical sweetness that would make it difficult to pair.

### The Winemaking

Picked at night to maintain freshness, this wine was destemmed and macerated on the skins for 12-24 hours. The juice was then settled and transferred into a new Stockinger 600L for fermentation and aging. This large format helps with the slow natural development of the wine for maximum aromatic and mouthfeel integration while still being dry and quite high in natural acidity.

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

