

2019  
Thunderstone  
Royal Slope



Release Date:  
**May 2022**

Blend:  
**100% Syrah**

pH:  
**3.97**

Alcohol:  
**16.3%**

Cases Produced:  
**100**

MSRP:  
**\$55**

### The Wine

Hardwood smoke, scorched earth and green tea mixed with blackberry, plums, currants, muddled flowers and garrigue. Swirling brings up the savory, umami quality to the fruit. It's dark, intense and ashy with herbal fruit and an intensely meaty/salty/savory component. The palate is a monster, with gorgeous texture, ripe fruit, savory nuance and an umami finish. This wine is not shy and delivers on every level.

### The Winemaking

Made with our traditional 0.8 acre section of the Scarline Vineyard and fermented entirely in concrete with over 80% whole cluster giving this wine the classic savory notes, as well as the fruit intensity and unbelievable texture this wine has begun to show. The wine was then aged in 2/3 new French oak 300L's and was bottled unfiltered and unfiltered.

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

