

2020
Thunderstone
Royal Slope AVA



Release Date:
May 2023

Blend:
100% Syrah

Vineyards:
**Thunderstone
Scarline
Stoneridge**

Alcohol:
15.4%

Cases Produced:
158

MSRP:
\$55

The Wine

Blackberry purée, bacon fat, clove, and black licorice. The 2020 Thunderstone starts bold and savory on the nose. The wine opens to black currant, cherry jam, dark chocolate, tobacco, and hints of black pepper and vanilla. The mouthfeel is broad and full bodied, with black fruit, leather, sage, and oak spice flavors. The tannins here are fine, almost powdery, and the oak presentation is very well integrated. There's a unique savoriness typical of this wine, but also a sweetness and juiciness from the mid palate, and throughout its finish. The more you swirl, the more the fruit comes up, and the savory notes tone down. A beautiful Syrah that you can drink now or in the next 12 years.

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 wines are 100% estate grown sustainably at Lawrence Vineyards, featuring 14 distinct vineyard sites. With elevations that range 870 feet to 1,675 feet and primarily south-facing slopes, Lawrence Vineyards provide a great framework for grape production, while the diversity of each of the locations delivers a high level of complexity to Gård wines. Lawrence Vineyards is certified sustainable.

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.

