

2022
Franc Blanc
Royal Slope AVA



Release Date:
June 2023

Blend:
100% Cabernet Franc

Vineyard:
Stoneridge

Winemaker:
Matías Kúsulas

Alcohol:
13.8%

Cases Produced:
240

MSRP:
\$28

The Wine

A unique white wine produced using the Cab Franc grape, typically a red wine varietal, through special farming practices and zero skin contact. Sweet grass, lemon peel, cantaloupe and sweet basil. Swirling brings fresh peach, white flowers and subdued notes of pyrazines and fresh herbs. The mouthfeel is mouthwatering, very pure and vibrant, with phenomenal texture and volume. Notes of lemon oil, spearmint, ripe stone fruit and quince dominate the mid palate, and the wine remains fresh, with remarkable structure and beautiful sweetness. This zero-skin-contact Cabernet Franc -- AKA Franc Blanc -- is layered, and evolves constantly in the glass. Very unique and pure, the wine finishes extremely fresh and long, with a touch of grip and a mineral aftertaste. A hedonistic wine that you can drink now or in the next 5 years.

The Winemaking

This is a new wine project for Gård that comes from Stoneridge Vineyard, Cabernet Franc block. The goal was to keep big canopies with lots of shade so the clusters don't see too much sunlight, and color concentration remains as low as possible. Fruit was lightly pressed immediately after arrival to the winery, and fermentation was performed very cold and long. Treated almost like a Sauvignon Blanc, this Franc Blanc shows similarities with a light bodied Sauv Blanc, but with a varietal aromatic profile that only Cabernet Franc can provide. You won't find many Franc Blancs around, as it's a difficult wine to make technically, but the end result is worth the effort.

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.

