

2018  
Winemaker's Select  
Cabernet Sauvignon  
Royal Slope/Columbia Valley



Release Date:  
**May 2022**

Blend:  
**100% Cabernet Sauvignon**

pH:  
**3.77**

Alcohol:  
**15.4%**

Cases Produced:  
**55**

MSRP:  
**\$85**

### The Wine

Ripe notes of mocha, raspberry, black currant, plum puree, crème de cassis with a hint of vanilla bean and hardwood spice. Swirling brings up more plums, currants and fig jam. The palate is expansive with ripe black fruits, spice and sweet structure. A blockbuster style with vibrant acidity and remarkable lift to the finish. It shows lots of early texture and then finishes with admirable structure showing its aging potential.

### The Winemaking

Made exclusively from the Scarline vineyard, as with the past vintage, with a combination of clones 6 and 2. Fermented in barrel for the first time using 300L barrels to rapidly integrate both our tannins and barrel aromatics at an earlier stage. The wine shows a density and texture we couldn't previously achieve in tank. The tannins are still present, but they integrate better into the wine and show more sweetness and refinement.

### 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 Vineyard in the Columbia Valley. Lawrence Vineyards is certified sustainable by Vinewise.org and glyphosate-free.

### 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.

