

2020  
Conner Lee  
Merlot  
Columbia Valley



Release Date:  
**October 14, 2023**

Winemaker:  
**Matías Kúsulas**

Vineyard:  
**Conner Lee**

Blend:  
**100% Merlot**

Alcohol:  
**14.8%**

pH:  
**3.72**

Cases Produced:  
**148**

MSRP:  
**\$65**

### The Wine

Black plums, black cherry, dried herbs, and mocha. Swirling brings blueberry jam, scorched vanilla, and oak spice. The mouthfeel is elegant with remarkable tension, medium to full-body, and a beautiful combination of brambly red and dark fruits. The wine moves extremely well in the mid palate, with very soft texture, medium acidity, and powdery tannins. Extremely well balanced, the finish is mouthwatering and crazy long, with a touch of sweet spices and underlying minerality. Another great Merlot from the famed Conner Lee Vineyard that, even though it is still young, you can enjoy now or in the next 15 years.

### 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.

