

2017
Contact Riesling
Columbia Valley



Release Date:
November 2021

Blend:
100% Riesling

pH:
3.07

Alcohol:
13.8%

Cases Produced:
45

MSRP:
\$40/bottle

The Wine

Orange blossom and marmalade mixed with honeycomb and chamomile tea. A touch of air adds crystalized lemon peel and lemongrass. The nose is expressive and complex while the palate is open and structured at the same time. Phenolic yet not bitterly so, the citrus and floral notes carry through the palate to a dry yet penetrating finish. This is a serious white wine that could age for a decade or more.

The Winemaking

Considered a modified orange wine, the grapes were picked at night to maintain freshness then destemmed and macerated on the skins for 12-24 hours. The juice was then settled and transferred into a new French oak 500L and fermented and aged on a portion of the skins for 28 months before being transferred into neutral white barrels for another 17 months. This modified orange wine is meant to showcase a unique and complex expression of such a classical varietal like Riesling.

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.

