

2019  
Vaucluse  
Royal Slope



Release Date:  
**May 2022**

Blend:  
**61% Syrah**  
**39% Grenache**

pH:  
**3.76**

Alcohol:  
**14.8%**

Cases Produced:  
**285**

MSRP:  
**\$45**

### The Wine

Notes of raspberry, blackberry, currants, plums and black tea. A hint of dried flowers and minerals linger in the background. Swirling amplifies the red fruit perfume, tea spice and loamy minerals. The palate has great volume and fruit clarity with the Grenache really coming through. It creates a more perfumed and delicate profile than previous vintages. A streak of salinity comes on with a little air, adding a mouthwatering layer of complexity.

### The Winemaking

Our benchmark Rhone-inspired blend. Blended from two sites of Syrah, our Scarline and Solaksen vineyards, as well as Grenache from our Corfu Crossing and Thunderstone vineyards. Fermented in 82% concrete tanks and the balance in stainless steel. Aged in 40% new French oak puncheons and bottled unfinned and unfiltered. Always a perfect balance of drinkability and seriousness.

### About the Name

Inspired by the Vaucluse department in the south of France, this Rhone blend is harvested from the fertile soils of our estate vineyard. Our Vaucluse is a reflection of the finest wines of the namesake region, located due east of France's Gard department (known for the famed Pont du Gard, a Roman aqueduct on the Gardon River). Within the Vaucluse lies Mondragon, a small village bearing the surname of our esteemed vineyard manager, Isidro Mondragon.

### 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.

