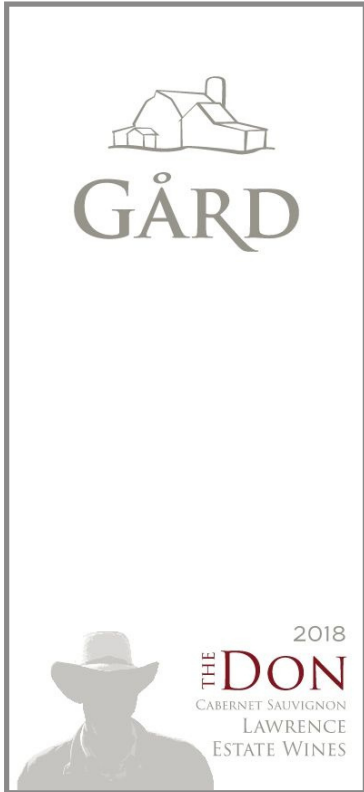


2018  
The Don  
Royal Slope



Release Date:  
**November 2021**

Blend:  
**84% Cabernet Sauvignon  
16% Syrah**

pH:  
**3.87**

Alcohol:  
**14.8%**

Cases Produced:  
**1,460**

MSRP:  
**\$25/bottle**

### The Wine

Ripe and intense notes of black currant, plum skin, black cherry and a hint of savory herbs. Swirling adds wood spice, sweetness to the black fruit dominated nose and the savory note turns into black olive and a sweet smoke. The palate has juicy black fruit and energetic tannins that convey youthful Cabernet, with just enough Syrah to add the savory component and smooth out the finish.

### The Winemaking

Fermented in a combination of concrete and stainless steel and aged in 225L barrels until blending in the early summer. After blending half of the volume goes back to 225L barrels and the other half went into a 70HL round for volume storage. Barrel notes are calmed down and primary fruit is increased on the portion in large cooperage. With the movement into a combination of traditional and large format wood its hard to get a exact amount of new but I'd put it effectively in the 20-25% range. A blend was then made after an additional year in barrel before being bottled.

### 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.

