

2019
Riesling
Grand Klasse Reserve
Columbia Valley



Release Date:
February 2022

Blend:
100% Riesling

pH:
3.44

RS:
3.44g/L

Alcohol:
13.6%

Cases Produced:
55

MSRP:
\$32/bottle



The Wine

Caramelized kumquat, citrus blossoms, bloomed nutmeg and a gorgeous chalky salinity. Swirling brings up sweet peaches, nectarine and dried apricot. A touch of caramelized sugar in the background adds an almost nutty sweetness that perfectly compliments the ripe stone fruits. The palate has surprising weight, with a mouthwatering combination of ripe fruits and a salty streak of minerals. The finish is remarkably long with resonating notes of stone fruit, flower petals and minerals.

The Winemaking

Picked at night to maintain freshness, this wine was destemmed and macerated on the skins for 12-24 hours. The juice was then settled and transferred into a new Stockinger 600L for fermentation and aging. This large format helps with the slow natural development of the wine for maximum aromatic and mouthfeel integration while still being dry and quite high in natural acidity.

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.