

2017
The Don
Red Blend
Royal Slope AVA



Release Date:
Fall 2020

Blend:
**77% Cabernet Sauvignon
13% Syrah
6% Cabernet Franc
2% Merlot
2% Malbec**

pH:
3.72

Alcohol:
14.1%

Winemaker:
Aryn Morell

Cases Produced:
1,500

MSRP:
\$24/bottle

In honor of our vineyard manager, Isidro Mondragon, this Cab-dominant wine continues to impress year over year. Heavy black fruits, herbs and spice weave through a polished palate with silky tannins and a juicy finish. Great for every day.

The Winemaking

Sourced from Lawrence Vineyards's Scarline Vineyard, Solaksen Vineyard, Laura Lee Vineyard and Corfu Crossing Vineyard. 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, and the wine was aged an additional year before bottling. Barrel notes are calmed down and primary fruit is increased on the portion in large cooperage.

The Vineyard

Gård Vintners is 100% estate grown sustainably at Lawrence Vineyards, featuring eight distinct vineyard sites in the Royal Slope AVA and Conner Lee Vineyard in the Columbia Valley 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. 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 Walla Walla with tasting rooms in Ellensburg, Walla Walla and Woodinville.

