

2016  
Merlot  
Columbia Valley



Release Date:  
**Spring 2019**

Titratable Acidity:  
**5.4 g/L**

pH:  
**3.96**

Alcohol:  
**14.7%**

Winemaker:  
**Aryn Morell**

Cases:  
**73 cases**

MSRP:  
**\$40/bottle**

### The Wine

Sourced from Lawrence Vineyards, Scarline Vineyard, harvest September 2016, Merlot Clone 9. Fermented in 100% stainless steel and aged in 50% new French oak for 26 months.

Bramble fruits, black raspberry, strawberry puree, vanilla bean, black tea and spices. With air comes plum skin, black currants and bloomed baking spices. The palate has good volume and surprising structure for Merlot from this vineyard. Young now but should open up over the next few months and drink well for a decade or more.

### The Vineyard

Gård Vintners is 100% estate grown sustainably at Lawrence Vineyards on the Royal Slope of the Columbia Valley AVA, featuring seven distinct vineyard sites with elevations ranging 930 feet to 1,675 feet. The combination of elevation and south-facing slope provides a great framework for grape production, while the diversity of the seven locations delivers a high level of complexity to Gård wines. Lawrence Vineyards is certified sustainable by Vinewise.org.

### The Winery

Founded in 2006, Gård Vintners is a family-owned and operated estate winery on the Royal Slope in the heart of Washington's Columbia Valley AVA, with Aryn Morell at the helm as winemaker at our production facility in Walla Walla, and tasting rooms in Ellensburg, Walla Walla and Woodinville.

Our mission at Gård is to capture and bottle the unique characteristics of the land we farm. We humbly craft value-driven, award-winning wines from our sustainable estate vineyards to create lasting memories for our customers.

Gård, meaning "farm" in many Scandinavian languages, is a tribute to our family's heritage and farming tradition.

