

2016
Vaucluse
Red Blend
Columbia Valley



Release Date:
Fall 2019

Blend:
67% Syrah
33% Grenache

pH:
3.8

Alcohol:
14.7%

Winemaker:
Aryn Morell

Cases:
270 cases

MSRP:
\$40/bottle

Accolades:
91 points - Jeb Dunnuck



"It offers a ripe, sexy, exotic, medium-bodied style to go with lots of peach, plums, and flowery, peppery incense aromas and flavors. Seamless on the palate, with fine tannins, it has plenty of upfront appeal yet will also keep nicely for 7-8 years." - *Jeb Dunnuck*

The Winemaking

Made from seven different picks between the two varietals, with each piece being fermented separately and then blended after eight months. Fermented in 67% concrete and 33% stainless steel, with 17% whole cluster, and then aged in 20% new French oak 500Ls for 20 months. This was bottled unfined and unfiltered.

The Vaucluse Story

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. Within the Vaucluse lies Mondragon, a small village bearing the surname of our esteemed vineyard manager, Isidro Mondragon.

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.