

2018  
Kvasir  
Royal Slope/Columbia Valley



Release Date:  
**May 2021**

Blend:  
**92% Mourvèdre**  
**6% Syrah**  
**2% Grenache**

pH:  
**3.78**

Alcohol:  
**14.2%**

Cases Produced:  
**110**

MSRP:  
**\$50/bottle**



### The Wine

Pronounced vah-SEER, this bright red, Mourvèdre-driven blend starts with fresh plums, raspberry syrup, licorice, graphite, and a touch of musk. Swirling brings thyme, violets, black pepper, and hints of cocoa powder and vanilla. The mouthfeel is fresh and medium-bodied, with mellow tannins and nice texture. The wine finishes long and dry, with a pleasant bitterness at the end.

### The Winemaking

Kvasir was made with fruit from Thunderstone Vineyard, one of our youngest and warmest sites, and is already showing beautiful fruit with very smooth tannins. The grapes were manually harvested and fermented in stainless steel, then lightly pressed into new and used 500L French oak puncheons. The wine was blended with a touch of Syrah and Grenache and aged for 16 months before going into bottle.

### About the Name

The poet Kvasir was the wisest of all men in Norse mythology and is said to have been created from fermented berry juice. He was tragically slain and his essence mixed with honey to become the "Mead of Poetry," which fills the drinker with wisdom and poetic prowess. May our estate-grown Mourvèdre blend imbue you with the same gifts. Skål!

### 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 and glyphosate free.

### 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.