

## 2021 Merlot, Columbia Valley



### THE WINE

Ripe plums, bay leaf, dark cherry, fig paste, and dark chocolate shavings. Swirling brings black licorice, cigar box, crushed gravel, and hints of raspberry and oak spice. Rich and savory, with remarkable sweetness and a full mid-palate, the mouthfeel here shows ripe dark fruits and umami flavors, with hints of citrus peel and mocha. Broad but remarkably balanced, the wine showcases fine tannins, soft texture, and a very long end. Drink now or in the next 15 years.

### THE WINEMAKING

Stainless steel fermented. Aged in new and neutral French oak barrels for 18 months.

### THE VINEYARD

Gård Vintners wines are 100% estate grown sustainably at Lawrence Vineyards, featuring 14 distinct vineyard sites. With elevations that range 870 feet to 1,675 feet and primarily south-facing slopes, Lawrence Vineyards provide 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.

### 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.

#### RELEASE DATE

February 2025

#### WINEMAKER

Matías Kúsulas

#### BLEND

100% Merlot

#### VINEYARD

Conner Lee  
Scarline

#### ALCOHOL

14.6%

#### CASES PRODUCED

145

#### MSRP

\$60

#### AWARDS & ACCOLADES

96 pts - Decanter  
95 pts - Jeremy Young, Int'l Wine Report  
93 pts - Owen Bargreen  
93 pts - Eric Guido, Vinous  
92 pts - Sean Sullivan

