

# TIGHTROPE

WINERY

## Red Wine Selection

### TASTING NOTES



#### Pinot Noir Rubis 2023

**VARIETAL:** Pinot Noir 100%

**VINEYARD:** Rubis Family Vineyard, Naramata Bench; single vineyard and hand-picked.

**WINEMAKING:** De-stemmed, but not crushed, into small half ton fermenters; cold soaked for five days before a wild ferment commenced; aged in French Oak barrels, 30% new for 10 months.

**PRODUCTION:** 164 cases

**IN THE GLASS:** Boysenberry, cherry, strawberry white pepper, tobacco; medium body.

**PAIRING:** Roasted duck, mushroom quiche.

*Drink now through 2031*



#### Pinot Noir 2023

**VARIETAL:** Pinot Noir 100%

**VINEYARD:** Fleet Road and Marmot Vineyards – Tightrope Estate, Naramata Bench; sustainably grown and hand-picked.

**WINEMAKING:** De-stemmed, but not crushed into small half ton fermenters; cold soaked for five days before a wild ferment commenced; aged in French Oak barrels, 30% new for 10 months.

**PRODUCTION:** 443 cases

**IN THE GLASS:** Black cherry, blackberry, plum, violet, cedar, tobacco and mushroom; medium-plus body.

**PAIRING:** Wild mushroom bourguignon; Coq au Vin, flank steak.

*Drink now through 2031*



#### Merlot 2022

**VARIETAL:** Merlot 100%

**VINEYARD:** Fleet Road Vineyard – Tightrope Estate and Paisley Vineyard, Naramata Bench; sustainably grown and hand-picked.

**WINEMAKING:** Destemmed into half-ton fermenters; cold soaked for five days before fermentation was allowed to begin; left on skins for approximately three weeks before being pressed off and put into barrel; aged in French Oak barrels, 50% new for 12 months.

**PRODUCTION:** 199 cases

**IN THE GLASS:** Plum, black cherry, pomegranate, vanilla, pepper and bay leaf.

**PAIRING:** Eggplant Parmesan, roasted pork loin.

*Drink now through 2032*



#### Merlot 2023

**VARIETAL:** Merlot 100%

**VINEYARD:** Fleet Road and Marmot Vineyards – Tightrope Estate and Paisley Vineyard, Naramata Bench sustainably grown and hand-picked.

**WINEMAKING:** Destemmed into half-ton fermenters; cold soaked for five days before fermentation was allowed to begin; left on skins for 21 days before being pressed off and put into barrel; aged in French Oak barrels, 50% new for 12 months.

**PRODUCTION:** 478 cases

**IN THE GLASS:** Raspberry, blackberry, ripe red cherry, tobacco, warm baking spice.

**PAIRING:** Grilled lamb, chicken pot pie, veggie lasagna.

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#### Cabernet Franc 2022

**VARIETAL:** Cabernet Franc 100%

**VINEYARD:** The grapes for this Cabernet Franc are from our Fleet Road and Thomas Vineyard – Tightrope Estate. They are selectively hand-picked.

**WINEMAKING:** De-stemmed and crushed, directly into small half ton fermenters; cold soaked for five days before fermentation commenced; aged in French Oak barrels, 50% new for 12 months.

**PRODUCTION:** 271 cases

**IN THE GLASS:** Strawberry, raspberry, mocha, leather, chili pepper and wet stone; medium-plus body, elegant tannin structure, lingering finish.

**PAIRING:** Bison roast, pulled pork tacos.

*Drink now through 2032*



#### Cabernet Franc 2023

**VARIETAL:** Cabernet Franc 100%

**VINEYARD:** The grapes for this Cabernet Franc are from our Thomas, Fleet Road and Marmot Vineyards – Tightrope Estate; Naramata Bench; sustainably grown and hand picked.

**WINEMAKING:** De-stemmed and crushed, directly into small half ton fermenters; cold soaked for five days before fermentation commenced; 21 days on the skins; aged in French Oak barrels, 50% new, for 12 months.

**PRODUCTION:** 344 cases

**IN THE GLASS:** Black currant, blackberry, blueberry, ripe red cherry, supple tannins, lingering finish.

**PAIRING:** Braised short ribs, barbecued meats and veggies.

*Drink now through 2033*



#### Syrah 2022

**VARIETAL:** Syrah 95%, Viognier 5%

**VINEYARD:** Paisley Vineyard and Tightrope Estate Thomas Vineyard, Naramata Bench; hand-picked.

**WINEMAKING:** The Syrah is co-fermented with Viognier (5%), to accentuate the colour and nose; fermented in small lots; cold soaked for 5 days before fermentation began; free run juice then drained off and the remaining skins were gently pressed; aged in French Oak barrels, 50% new for 12 months.

**PRODUCTION:** 514 cases

**IN THE GLASS:** Blueberry, plum, chocolate, sweet tobacco, black pepper and sage; medium-plus body with soft, silky tannins.

**PAIRING:** Roasted root vegetables with goat cheese; bison burger.

*Drink now through 2032*



#### Syrah 2023

**VARIETAL:** Syrah 95%, Viognier 5%

**VINEYARD:** Paisley Vineyard and Thomas Vineyard on the Naramata Bench; hand-picked.

**WINEMAKING:** The Syrah is co-fermented with Viognier (8%), to accentuate the colour and nose; fermented in small lots; cold soaked for 5 days before fermentation began; free run juice then drained off and the remaining skins were gently pressed; aged in French Oak barrels, 50% new for 12 months.

**PRODUCTION:** 176 cases

**IN THE GLASS:** Black cherry, black plum, blackberry, tobacco, black pepper, violet & anise; medium-plus body with soft, silky tannins.

**PAIRING:** Braised lamb shank, grilled portobello mushrooms, roasted root vegetables.

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#### Equipoise 2022

**VARIETAL:** Syrah 40%, Cabernet Franc 40%, Merlot 20%

**VINEYARD:** The grapes were sustainably grown on our Fleet Road, Thomas and Marmot Estate Vineyards, all on the Naramata Bench. They were selectively hand-harvested.

**WINEMAKING:** Each varietal is vinified and aged separately for 10 to 12 months in French Oak, 50% new prior to blending.

**PRODUCTION:** 133 cases

**IN THE GLASS:** Black cherry, blackberry, plum, chocolate, coffee, leather, sage; dry.

**PAIRING:** Roasted veal shank, wild mushroom risotto.

*Drink now through 2032*



#### Vertigo 2023

**VARIETAL:** Barbera 25%, Cabernet Franc 25%, Merlot 50%.

**VINEYARD:** The grapes were sustainably grown on our Fleet Road and Thomas Estate Vineyards, all on the Naramata Bench. They were selectively hand-harvested.

**WINEMAKING:** Each varietal is vinified and aged separately for 10 to 12 months in French Oak – 50% new – prior to blending.

**PRODUCTION:** 96 cases

**IN THE GLASS:** Ripe cherry, raspberry jam, tobacco, cedar and leather; dry and complex, with a lingering finish.

**PAIRING:** Pasta Bolognese, eggplant Parmesan, grilled pork chops and Coq au Vin.

*Drink now through 2034*



#### Barbera 2023

**VARIETAL:** Barbera 100%

**VINEYARD:** Grown sustainably on our Fleet Road Vineyard, Tightrope Estate, Naramata Bench. Harvested by hand.

**WINEMAKING:** Cold soaked, fermented for 21 days on skins; 12 months in neutral French Oak barrels.

**PRODUCTION:** 75 cases

**IN THE GLASS:** Raspberry, red cherry, boysenberry, spicy and earthy.

**PAIRING:** Mushroom risotto, lamb stew, pasta with tomato sauce.

*Drink now through 2034*



#### Rosé 2025

**VARIETAL:** Pinot Noir 95%, Barbera 5%.

**VINEYARD:** Naramata Bench; hand-picked.

**WINEMAKING:** Pinot Noir whole cluster pressed; minimal intervention; cold fermented; then blended with just the right amount of Barbera.

**PRODUCTION:** 464 cases

**IN THE GLASS:** Strawberry, cranberry, raspberry and spicy notes complex, dry and crisp.

**PAIRING:** Barbeque, wood fire pizza.

*Drink now through 2028*