



## 1050 Fleet Road Penticton, BC V2A 8T7 ON THE NARAMATA BENCH IN BC'S OKANAGAN VALLEY

## **Great Start to the New Year at Tightrope**

NARAMATA, BC – Not even a month into 2019, and Tightrope Winery has another honour for its list. The family-owned-and-run operation on the Naramata Bench has received the nod from Robert A. Bell's Wines of Canada "Wineries to Watch For in 2019".

This follows on the heels of a highly successful year in 2018, when the fruits of the seven-acre vineyard produced no fewer than 42 awards at five competitions, including ten at the prestigious Dan Berger's International Wine Competition and ten more at the InterVin International Wine Awards.

"What a way to start the year," says co-owner and vintner Lyndsay O'Rourke, whose husband, Graham, is the viticulturist. "We finished 2018 with InterVin's Honourable Mention as winery of the year, which was particularly sweet, given that we were the smallest winery on the short list. Now, for Mr Bell to tell wine-lovers to keep their eye on us, is a tremendous boost."

This latest honour adds to the excitement for the next releases, coming up in the spring: the **2017 Syrah**, made exclusively from Naramata Bench grapes, boasting a nose of black pepper, blackberry and dark cherry, with flavours of anise, plum and black currant; and the **2017 Pinot Noir**, made from grapes from Tightrope's own vineyard, along with those from nearby Hermitage Vineyard; hand-picked and fermented in small lots, using wild yeast. You'll find vanilla, tobacco and spice on the palate, with a nose of dried cranberries, plums and dark cherry. Also coming out in the spring will be the **Sauvignon Blanc Semillon**, **Riesling**, and **Rosé**, as well as the **2018 Pinot Gris** and popular **Tip-Toe** blend, which sold out of the 2017 vintage last year.

Tightrope wines are available in <u>private liquor stores</u> around British Columbia. Oenophiles can also have their tastes more than satisfied in the <u>Walk the Wire Wine Club</u>, which offers shipments of cases to your door, and invitations to exclusive special events throughout the year.

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## www.tightropewinery.ca

**About Tightrope Winery:** Tightrope Winery sits on 10 acres on the Naramata Bench in British Columbia's Okanagan Valley, where the complex soil is ideal for growing Riesling, Cabernet Franc, Merlot, Barbera, Viognier, Pinot Gris and Pinot Noir. Supplementing its own grapes with those from other vineyards on the Naramata Bench, Tightrope produces up to 4,500 cases of wine a year. For further information or interviews contact Mat Wilcox <a href="mailto:mwilcox@wilcoxgroup.com">mwilcox@wilcoxgroup.com</a> or Drew Snider <a href="mailto:drewdsnider@gmail.com">drewdsnider@gmail.com</a>