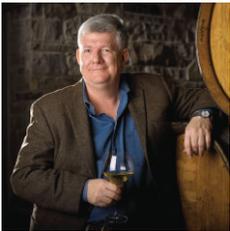




RED STONE



THE PEOPLE



MORAY TAWSE – Proprietor

A financier by trade – he is the vice president and co-founder of First National, the country’s largest non-bank mortgage lender- as well as a lifelong lover of wine, Moray Tawse could also be called a terroir collector.

After realizing the potential of winemaking in Niagara, Moray purchased his first vineyard in 2001. In 2005 he opened Tawse, the winery that bears his family name. He then secured vineyards in his beloved Burgundy and his project with famed winemaker Pascal Marchand, Marchand Tawse was born.

Redstone is the newest addition to his portfolio and his second project on the Escarpment. “When you get an opportunity to get a terroir where the wine’s great, you buy another vineyard! ”, he confesses. When the former Thomas and Vaughan property came up for sale in 2009, it was an opportunity he simply couldn’t pass up.

The vineyard, which is ideally suited to maturing late-ripening Bordeaux-varietals, was originally intended to supplement the Tawse portfolio. However, when the first wines were made in 2010, they showed such a different character and terroir signature that Moray decided that they deserved their own home. So the idea of Redstone was born. This was also an opportunity to take advantage of the great location off Highway 8 to build a state-of-the-art tasting room. He would also get to indulge another of his passions, with the opening of locally-inspired 80-seat restaurant and spacious patio.



PAUL PENDER – Director of Viticulture and Winemaking

Paul Pender has been the acclaimed head winemaker of Tawse winery since 2006, earning the title of Winemaker of the Year at the Ontario Wine Awards in 2011. Under his leadership, Tawse was named Canadian Winery of the year in 2010, 2011 and 2012. Former carpenter and graduate of Niagara College’s Winery and Viticulture program, Paul has a non-interventionist as far as possible philosophy. He is a firm believer that the start of every great wine begins in the vineyard. Passionate about crafting wines expressive of a sense of place, Paul has been instrumental in guiding the vision and the execution of the Redstone project and will continue to lend his expertise and leadership in a consulting role.



RENE VAN EDE – Winemaker

Despite growing up in the backyard of the famed Hunter Valley wine region, it is while working in the United Kingdom’s hospitality industry that winemaker Rene Van Ede became captivated by the world of wine and its diversity. After choosing to make winemaking his profession, he returned to his native Australia to secure his Bachelor of Wine Science from the renowned Charles Sturt University.

After a few vintages in the Hunter Valley, Rene landed in Canada for a northern hemisphere vintage at Tawse in 2006. He was back permanently in 2007 and after working 8 vintages as part of the Tawse award-winning winemaking team under the expert guidance of Paul Pender, he is excited to take on the primary winemaking responsibilities at Redstone.

While Rene is a believer that winemaking is as much an art as it is a science, he also believes that wine should taste of its origin and varietal. Rene also takes a “bon vivant” approach to his profession:

“Sometimes we need to be reminded that the purpose of wine is to be enjoyed”, he laughs. This joie de vivre and his new world sensibility are certainly at home at Redstone where he gets to create wines that are bold and full of character, including his beloved Syrah, that the team affectionately nicknamed “Rene’s baby”.

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