



## LAUGHING STOCK VINEYARDS BLIND TRUST RED 2023

**Harvest Date**  
October 13, 2023

**Cases Produced**  
1980

**Price**  
\$33.00 plus tax & deposit

**pH**  
3.77

**Acidity**  
6.52 g/L

**R.S.**  
0.39 g/L

**Alcohol**  
14.5%

**INSIDER TIP:** Blind taste the Blind Trust before peeling back the capsule to reveal this year's varietals.

### Wine Profile

A blind trust is a financial trust in which the executors have full discretion over the assets, and the trust beneficiaries have no knowledge of the holdings of the trust. In this case, our Blind Trust is a wine in which the winemaker has full discretion over the blend, so you'll just have to trust us. The Blind Trust is the second label of our big Bordeaux inspired blends. Its robust taste profile and affordable pricing make it a solid investment.

### Tasting Notes

Always a secretive blend, the 2023 vintage offers a fruit-forward mix of red and black fruits with cocoa powder and eucalyptus undertones. Dark purple and fuchsia in the glass, this unique blend has aromas of plum, licorice and raspberry coulis. The palate offers a mix of tar and roses with notes of fresh pomegranate. The tannins are well-integrated and make this wine

approachable now, while still offering the structure for cellaring. Enjoy now or hold until your investment has fully matured. Drink between 2026-2035.

### Winemaking Notes

Our winemaking choices for this vintage include whole cluster pressing for a fresh fruit profile and partial malolactic fermentation to provide a soft, round texture on the palate. Much of our winemaking approach relies on blending which brings together the unique characteristics of each varietal and creates layers of flavours and complexity. As well, we employ a range of fermenting strategies including neutral French oak barrels which accounted for 70% of the blend and aged for 20 months. The remaining 30% was aged in new French oak. If you want to blind taste the Blind Trust, read no further. Spoiler alert: 41% Merlot, 32% Syrah, 20% Cabernet Sauvignon, 5% Malbec and 2% Petit Verdot.

### Vintage Notes

Although the Okanagan Valley had a slight delay to the growing season with cooler than average weather through April and May, the weather very quickly changed to a long, extended period of hot, dry days through the balance of the summer. We saw bud break at our Naramata vineyard at the beginning of May and kicked off our harvest by picking the first fruit on August 23rd for our traditional method sparkling wine. This was a full month earlier than vintage 2022, which was a very late and more moderate summer. Most of our varieties ripened a week or two earlier than normal due to the warm weather and lower yields. The low yields also brought good concentration to the flavours and ripe tannins for our Bordeaux-styled reds.

### Vineyard

Sourced from Perfect Hedge, Bear Cub and NKMIP vineyards.



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