

Prentice Tar and Roses Nebbiolo 1995

\$22-\$23



This is made from nebbiolo, the great red grape of Piedmont in northern Italy, which typically is given the descriptors “tar” and “roses”. Grown in Victoria’s King Valley, the Prentice wine is a good introduction to nebbiolo’s distinctive character, which is a world away from normal menu items such as cabernet or shiraz. The color is clinker-brick red, rather than the purple of many young reds, and the nose has real savory appeal with tarry, earthy, floral, and strawberry-jam aromas. Flavor is dry and underplayed.

Ageing? drink over the next two years.

Food: saltimbocca; herbed roast veal.

Available: Richmond Hill Cellars.

