



## *A Certain Detour* | Charley Farrero

curated by Heather Benning and organized by the Art Gallery of Swift Current

June 22 – August 19, 2023

---

There is a wine which originates in the northern regions of Spain and the southern regions of France. In Spain it is known as Garnacha, in France as Grenache. Although this wine may sometimes be described as a little rough around the edges, it is filled with vitality and the essence of its “terroir”, the unique reflection of its place of origin and the environment. It is a hardy vine, resilient, yielding intense and concentrated wine which is appreciated worldwide. Like this wine, Charley Farrero never fails to be assertive and bold, to be true to himself, and to remain deeply expressive of his origins and his experience.

In many ways, his choices and his “terroir” have defined him; immigration, rural life, career, commitment to his craft. Charley has produced ceramic art works of the highest standard for more than four decades. Historically, he has received many awards, honours and foreign residencies. He has contributed to the development of the ceramic arts regionally, nationally and internationally and generously shared his knowledge and experience through teaching, advocacy and mentorship.

Each of the works in this exhibition have been shaped entirely by Charley’s thoughts and hands.