



Thirty Bench Small Lot Chardonnay 2006

VQA BEAMSVILLE BENCH

“Our winery is located in the tiny appellation called the Beamsville Bench. This narrow strip of land near Lake Ontario boasts sloping vineyards and deep, dry soils; a valuable terroir that shapes the exceptional taste of our wine.”

WINE MAKING

- Hand picked and hand sorted from our own Thirty Bench vineyard
- Whole bunch pressed, then transferred to French oak
- Barrel fermented and aged in French oak for 11 months
- No malolactic fermentation

FLAVOUR PROFILE

- Lemon yellow colour with a bouquet of toasty new oak, vanilla, green apple, spice, caramel and grilled pineapple.
- Medium to full-bodied with a rich, creamy mouth-feel and flavours of juicy pears, spice, caramel and a touch of tropical fruit.
- Fresh lemony acidity appears mid-palate and continues through on the finish with notes of spicy oak and juicy pears.

WINE ANALYSIS

- Sweetness Level: (0) Dry, 1.9 g/l
- Alcohol: 13.1%
- Total Acidity: 6.1 g/l
- UPC#: 0 48162 01163 2
- PID#: 1045436
- Price: \$35.00

SERVING SUGGESTIONS

- Serve not overly chilled at 14°C.
- Enjoy with full-flavoured foods such as holiday turkey dinners with mushroom stuffing and creamy mashed potatoes, rich cream sauces on pasta and seafood, salmon wrapped in puff pastry and turkey pot pies.
- Sip alongside apple-wood smoked cheddar and truffled Brie cheeses with Artisanal breads.
- This wine will age gracefully through 2011.

CRITICAL ACCLAIM:

92 points – “A really first class effort here from winemaker Natalie Reynolds, this 2006 Small Lot Chardonnay has fabulous depth, complexity and evident minerality. The palate is lively and well-balanced, while notable high-quality wood and lees character is matched by citrus and stone fruit flavours. Long finish.” John Szabo, Ontario Wine Report, August 2009

“We are committed to ‘Small Lot’ winemaking. Our grapes are hand picked and hand sorted from vineyards that produce very low yields with incredible quality. Our wines are always made in small batches, reinforcing our belief that less is more. Each wine made at Thirty Bench is distinctive – a unique expression of our vineyard and our Small Lot approach to winemaking.”

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