

# **Thirty Bench** **Small Lot Merlot 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 from our own Thirty Bench vineyard
- Traditional red wine making with three to four weeks of skin contact in open wooden fermenters; hand plunged to break surface cap three times daily
- Barrel aged in 100% French oak for 18 months
- Full malolactic fermentation
- Individual barrel selection to determine blend
- Limited production of 247 cases

## **FLAVOUR PROFILE**

- Deep garnet colour with a complex bouquet of cedar, blue plum, black pepper spice, forest floor, black cherry, vanilla and exotic spice.
- Medium to full-bodied, moderate acidity, good structure, a rich mouth-feel and youthful tannins will allow this wine to age gracefully.
- Flavours of ripe plum and cherry unfold on the palate, and the perfect balance of fruit, spice and oak lingers through on the finish.

## **CRITICAL ACCLAIM:**

Silver Medal – Canadian Wine Awards 2008

“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.”

## **WINE ANALYSIS**

- Sweetness Level: (0) Dry, 2.8 g/l
- Alcohol: 13.4%
- Total Acidity: 6.0 g/l
- PID#: 1045475
- UPC#: 0 48162 01175 5
- Price: \$40.00

## **SERVING SUGGESTIONS**

- Serve at a cool room temperature of 16 to 18°C.
- Enjoy with medium-rare red meats, rich stews, pheasant with red wine reduction, full flavoured game dishes, and 2 year old Canadian cheddar.
- Enjoy 2010 to 2013. If enjoying before 2010, one to two hours of decanting will assist in developing the full potential of this Merlot.

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