



## **Thirty Bench** **Small Lot Cabernet Franc 2005**

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 109 cases

### **FLAVOUR PROFILE**

- Purple black colour with an aromatic bouquet of black currant, tobacco leaf, toasty oak and herbal notes
- Full-bodied, good structure, a rich mouth-feel and well-integrated tannins will allow this wine to age gracefully for many years
- Flavours of black fruits and black pepper spice fill the palate and linger through on the finish

### **CRITICAL ACCLAIM:**

- Silver Medal – Canadian Wine Awards 2007
- 4 stars out of 5 – Wine Trade Winds Diary, Dean Tudor, January 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, 2.3 g/l
- Alcohol: 13.8%
- Total Acidity: 6.2 g/l
- PID#: 1034139
- UPC#: 0 48162 01174 8
- Price: \$35.00

### **SERVING SUGGESTIONS**

- Serve at a cool room temperature of 16 to 18°C
- Enjoy with rare to medium-rare red meats, full flavoured game dishes and 3 to 4 year old Canadian cheddar
- This wine will age gracefully through 2014

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