



Thirty Bench Small Lot Pinot Gris 2007

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 grapes grown on our estate vineyards.
- After careful selection of the finest grapes, they are whole bunch pressed, and then the juice is barrel fermented in neutral French oak and aged for 5 months. (four barriques and one 500 litre Puncheon)

FLAVOUR PROFILE

- Pale lemon colour with a slight coppery hue, and aromas of melon, ripe apple, pear, delicate spice and a touch of smoke and yeast.
- Medium to full-bodied with a slightly rich, oily mouth-feel and flavours of spice, melon and peach.
- Sweet Indian spice notes and tropical fruit linger through on the finish.

CRITICAL ACCLAIM

4 stars out of 5 – “The main flavour thrust of the 2007 Small Lot Pinot Gris is mildly tropical fruit, with mineral, honey and spice notes. Oak aging has added depth of flavour and texture, so this is fairly full on the palate. Its bright acidity and long, dry, tangy finish makes for a nice, balanced juicy style.” Vines magazine, September 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: (1) Dry, 9.5 g/l
- Alcohol: 13.9%
- Total Acidity: 6.8 g/l
- UPC#: 0-4816201124-3
- PID#: 1053697
- Price: \$30.00
- Limited production: 123 cases

SERVING SUGGESTIONS

- Serve lightly chilled at 12 to 14°C
- Serve with smoked salmon dishes; sautéed scallops on creamy risotto; chicken pot pies; baked halibut steaks; pork tenderloin in a cream sauce.
- This wine will continue to develop through 2012

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