# Thirty Bench Monthly Newsletter

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### Autumn Has Arrived!

Fall on the Bench is one of the most exciting times to visit. If you're lucky, you'll catch grapes being harvested right before your eyes as you enjoy your tasting next to the vineyards. We know it's time to harvest when the Sumac shrubs and trees start turning red!

Pictured on the right are the grapes from our Small Lot Gewurztraminer (top) and Small Lot Cabernet Sauvignon vines. Our Small Lot grapes are hand-harvested exclusively from our own vineyards. Small Lot production allows for knowledge of and familiarity with each varietal, allowing our Winemaker to chart a unique course for every vintage. Our vines are meticulously hand-cropped and thinned to produce very low yields that offer exceptional quality and an intensity of fruit that sets our wines apart.

If you're planning a visit soon, Seated Tastings are available to enjoy daily. Plus, we've announced our new Back Vintage experience themes beginning in November - check out details on our Experiences page.



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### Vineyard Update

Winemaker Emma Garner & Vineyard Manager Wade Stark





Harvest is well underway and at Thirty Bench to date, we've harvested the Pinot Meunier (for Rosé production), Pinot Gris, Pinot Noir (2 separate picks, 1 for Rosé, 1 for table wine), as well as the east Chardonnay block. This leaves the west Chardonnay block still hanging at this time, just past mid-September.

Next up will be the Sparkling Riesling pick, the remaining west Chardonnay block, and then Gamay Noir (also for Rose production). Many more miles and smiles to go, but so far so good!

Wade Stark, Vineyard Manager

## NEW RELEASE 2018 Small Lot Cabernet Sauvignon



Harvested from the eastern block of our own Thirty Bench vineyard. This medium to full-bodied, firm Small Lot Cabernet Sauvignon is garnet in colour with a rich aromatic bouquet of black currant, blueberry, dark chocolate, vanilla bean, and subtle oak, smoke, and spice. It was barrel-aged in 70% French and 30% American oak for 20 months (40% new oak barrels) then went through full malolactic fermentation.

Blackberry, black currant, vanilla, spice, and oak notes unfold on the palate. While black tea, chocolate, black currant, and dark cherry linger on the extra dry finish. Enjoy now or cellar through 2028. Decanting is recommended if drinking now through 2022.

6 BOTTLE COLLECTION \$301.20

\*bottle deposit included

12 BOTTLE COLLECTION \$602.40

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### FALL FLAVOURS

### **Whipped Pumpkin Dip**



Wine Pairing: Thirty Bench Special Select Late Harvest Vidal

### **Ingredients:**

15-ounce Pumpkin Puree

1 box of Instant Vanilla Pudding (use dry)

1 Pinch of Pumpkin Spice

8-ounce Cool Whip

Cinnamon (optional)

Serve with apple slices, graham crackers, vanilla wafers.

#### **Directions:**

Mix pumpkin puree, instant vanilla pudding (use dry) and pumpkin spice
Fold in Cool Whip
Optional – sprinkle of Cinnamon
Add to Bowl or Pumpkin Bowl (see picture)



### **EXPERIENCES**

There's always something happening in wine country! **Learn more online** or call our Wine Country Concierge at 1.888.510.5537



# **NEW Back Vintage Experience themes**Offered Saturdays

Our wine consultant will guide you through this special wine tasting, discussing the wines and how they have aged, as well as the history of Thirty Bench Winery. Enjoy your own individual charcuterie box paired with a glass of one of our award-winning wines. You'll also receive a souvenir stemless wine glass.

November 6 - "Miracle" Vintage 2017

November 13 - For the Love of Noir (Pinot Noir)

November 20 - 2016 - A vintage to remember

November 27 - Award-winning Rieslings

#### Reserve now



# **Holiday Minis with Nadia of Koa Kai November 20 & 21**

This year we will offer two great setups in one spot!

The truck is back with a twist and we will also have our gold crushed velvet chair set up. Follow Koa Kai

Photography on Instagram for more sneak peeks of their set.

Be sure to book soon as spots are sure to go quickly!!

#### Reserve Now



### **Vineyard Stroll**

#### Saturdays In October / November

Join us for an afternoon Vineyard Stroll while enjoying a sample of our award-winning Winemakers Blend Riesling on arrival. Follow one of our wine experts as they guide you on a walk along our picturesque vineyards. Learn about the history of the winery, the terroir, and our vines as you enjoy 4 wine samples along the way. You will receive a souvenir glass to take home!

#### **Reserve Now**