

HB Wine Merchants presents wines from: **Cave Spring Vineyard**



CANADA

Cave Spring Cabernet Franc

VQA Beamsville Bench



Brand Highlights

- Founded in 1996 by the Pennachetti Family and Angelo Pavan, childhood friend of Len Pennachetti. The estate is managed by Len and his younger brother, Tom
- Cave Spring is a leading grower of premium wines that reflect the distinct terroir of the Niagara Peninsula, one of three Designated Viticulture Areas within Ontario
- 100% Cabernet Franc grown on the south shore of Lake Ontario; limestone and shale laced clay with moderate elevation and on-shore breezes offer ideal ripening conditions for this wine

The Estate

Named by 18th century European settlers for the limestone caves and mineral springs located throughout the property, Cave Spring Vineyard is situated on a gently sloping hillside of the Niagara Escarpment known as the Beamsville Bench. The Niagara Escarpment is a tall cliff left behind by the glaciers that formed Niagara Falls. Founded in 1996 but dates back to 1978 when father & son, John & Len Pennachetti, planted some of the region's first vinifera vines in the Niagara Peninsula. Recognizing the possibilities, they sought out and planted noble European varieties they believed would best capture the area's full promise—in particular, Riesling vines purchased from the German nursery, Weis Reben, on the Mosel. The Weis family began exporting its Riesling Clone 21 to Canada and established vineyards in Canada. Daughter Anne Weis came to Canada to work for her father's business, met and married Len's brother, Tom Pennachetti, and the wine family connection was born. Cave Spring now encompasses over 166 acres (158 of which are at CSV proper) and 40 acres under single long-term contract grower (Andrewes Vineyard). More than half the plantings are Riesling.

Wine Making

The vinification is a 7-day maceration followed by a 7-day fermentation using selected and indigenous yeast. Barrel aged for 12 months in 85% neutral and 15% new French, Hungarian and American 225L barrels.

Tasting Notes

The nose is concentrated, with succulent blackberry, cassis & plum fruit alongside notes of cedar, mineral & spice. The palate is medium-bodied with a seam of ripe yet grippy tannin neatly woven into the wine's juicy, black currant fruit, all complemented by hints of cigar box. The tannins taper and soften on the finish, carrying overtones of mint-cherry, clove & cinnamon.

Press

- 2023 Vintage **91 Points**—Wine Enthusiast
- 2023 Vintage **88 Points**—Wine Spectator
- 2021 Vintage **89 Points**—Wine Enthusiast
- 2020 Vintage **90 Points**—Wine Enthusiast
- 2020 Vintage **88 Points**—Wine Spectator

Product Specifications

- Pack: 750mL/12 [Cork]
- UPC: 7 79334 05711 9
- SCC: 1 07 79334 05711 6
- Case: 12.5" x 10" x 12"