

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



CANADA

Cave Spring Pinot Noir

VQA Niagara Peninsula



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
- Made with 93% Pinot Noir and 7% Gamay grapes grown on selected vineyards in the western stretches of the Niagara Peninsula, lying at varying elevations close to the shoreline of Lake Ontario; limestone and shale laced clay combine with exposure to moderating onshore breezes to produce an elegant Pinot noir with earthy nuances and silky texture

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 6 week maceration and fermentation using exclusively indigenous yeasts; barrel aged for 13 months in neutral 225L and 500L French Oak barrels. Minimal sulfites added.

Tasting Notes

On the nose, dried currants, cedar plank and maraschino cherry over hints of forest floor and grated nutmeg. The palate is medium-bodied with black tea and black cherry up front; followed by tannins and concentrated black raspberry and wild blueberry fruit; the finish is sweet and savory with overtones of purple plum preserve mingling with hints of mint, pine needle and forest mushrooms.

Press

- ♦ 2023 Vintage **91 Points**—Wine Enthusiast
- ♦ 2021 Vintage **89 Points**—Wine Enthusiast
- ♦ 2020 Vintage **88 Points**—Wine Enthusiast
- ♦ 2020 Vintage **87 Points**—Wine Spectator
- ♦ 2019 Vintage **88 Points**—Wine Enthusiast

Product Specifications

- Available in: 750mL-12 [Natural Cork]
- UPC: 7 79334 17642 1
- SCC: 1 07 79334 17642 8
- Case (in.):