

2016 RIESLING CSV | VQA Beamsville Bench

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ABOUT THIS WINE

This wine originates from the limestone-rich soils of our Cave Spring Vineyard, located on a terrace of the Niagara Escarpment overlooking Lake Ontario, known as the Beamsville Bench. Produced from among the oldest, lowest-yielding vines at the estate, our CSV wines embody our highest commitment to quality and authenticity.

VINTAGE

ORIGIN

2016 was an extremely warm, dry and ripe vintage with moderate yields. While plush and open-knit upon release, the Rieslings possess the acidity to ensure medium- to long-term ageability.

COMPOSITION 100% Riesling

Vineyard Cave Spring Vineyard Appellation Beamsville Bench

TOPOGRAPHY *Elevation* 125–155 m (425–510 ft) *Slope* 3–6%

Exposure North-northwest

SOIL Stony clay till composed primarily of limestone and dolostone mixed with sandstone, shale and traces of granite and gneiss; soils overlie

moraine and sandstone/shale bedrock; depth ranges from 4 to 8 m

VINEYARD PARCELS Planting Dates 1998, 1978

Planting Dates1998, 1978Avg Vine Age30 yearsDensity1,450/ac (3,600/ha)Trellis2-cane pendelbogen

Clone/Rootstock 21/SO4, 21/3309, 49/SO4

HARVEST DATA Date Sep 23—Oct 25 Sugar 20.3° Brix Titratable Acidity 7.7 g/L pH 3.11

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VINIFICATION Cool-temperature, indigenous yeast fermentation in stainless steel over a 8 week period; 5 months on the fine lees prior to bottling

BOTTLING DATA Date Apr 2017 Alc/Vol 12.0%

Residual Sugar 6.7 g/L Titratable Acidity 7.1 g/L pH 3.11 Production 820 cs (9L)

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TASTING NOTES The nose exhibits intense aromas of lime and pink grapefruit with notes of savoury herbs, Asian pear and green melon in behind. The

palate is full in body with crisp, juicy citrus notes up front and a broad, dense middle of ripe Honeydew melon fruit underpinned by a chalky texture. The finish is dry, saline and laden with mineral extract, tinged

to the end with a persistent note of citrus pith.

AGEABILITY Best consumed 2020 through 2026; will hold through at least 2030

SERVING SUGGESTIONS Grilled Turbot or Snapper, stuffed Sole, curried prawns, tempura, onion

tart, roasted Cornish hen, pork tenderloin, soft cow's milk cheese

AVAILABILITY US Importer HB Wine Merchants (Hartley, DE)