

Hidden Bench Terroir Caché Meritage 2006, VQA Beamsville Bench, Niagara Peninsula

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This Meritage is an elegant and tasty blend of 50% Merlot, 34% Cabernet Franc, 12% Malbec and 4% Cabernet Sauvignon. Deep ruby in colour, it brims with complex aromas of black plum, raspberry, cocoa, currants, and earthy notes. These are joined on the palate by intriguing tobacco spice, and a touch of minerality. Dry and medium full-bodied with a juicy, lengthy finish, the wine is very well composed and shows fine balance. Though well suited to fine dining, it will also kick things up a notch or two around the barbecue alongside sizzling steaks with sautéed mushrooms. (VINTAGES panel, April 2009)

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David Lawrason

This is clearly one of best Bordeaux-style wines in Niagara, and an impressive achievement in a difficult year. Lot of fireworks on the nose with lifted coffee, dill/spearmint herbaceousness and fruit somewhere between red and blackcurrants. A touch of gunpowder and leather as well. It's mid-weight firm, taut and juicy on the palate with fine tannin and excellent to outstanding length. Tasted June 2009



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Evan Saviolidis

In 2006, because of vintage conditions, Hidden Bench took all their premium grapes designated for the top tier red wine, La Brunate, and used it in this offering. A blend of 50% Merlot, 34% Franc, 12% Malbec and 4% Cabernet Sauvignon, the wine shows plum, vegetal, raspberry, coffee and cocoa qualities that are built on a medium body frame. Ready to drink now.



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