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Hidden Bench Vineyards and Winery 'Estate' Chardonnay 2007

VQA Beamsville Bench \$35.20 14.3% alcohol

Vanilla, oaky and persimmon on the nose, this complex and beautifully structured white doles out a generously textured stream of flavour—it was barrel fermented, lees stirred and aged in French oak—with caramel-infused apple, nutty notes and lip-smacking citrus to the fore. It's balanced throughout with the lingering finish layering on exotic spice and a peel marmalade flavour. Drop-dead gorgeous now, it'll improve in bottle over the next two to three years. Order by the case for daily office or home delivery from [Hidden Bench](#). (Vic Harradine)



Hidden Bench Vineyards and Winery 'Estate' Pinot Noir 2007

VQA Beamsville Bench \$45.20 13.3% alcohol

My highest compliment—it was tough to spit. Elegant and subtle on the nose—toast and dark berry fruit—it provides a special experience beginning with a generously textured palate-coating wave of flavour—brambly berry, minty cherry, black currant and moderating acidity via tart cherry and red currant flavours. This is rich, complex and beautifully sculpted with perfect balance and a lengthy finish. It was basket pressed, wild yeast fermented, hand plunged, gravity drained, spending 14 months in French oak, 4 more in stainless then bottled unfinned and unfiltered. Order by the case for daily office or home delivery from [Hidden Bench](#). (Vic Harradine)