



THIRTY BENCH WINE MAKERS



The Ontario Wine Society (Niagara Chapter) invites you to

“All about Riesling” at Thirty Bench Wine Makers

Wednesday, February 28th, 2018

6:30 pm: Reception; 7:00 pm: Presentation and Tasting

4281 Mountainview Road, Beamsville

\$40 Members - \$50 Non-members

(members can bring 1 guest at members' price)

Join the Niagara Chapter as we learn about Riesling – the third most produced wine grape in Ontario. One wine writer describes Riesling as “Niagara’s most important grape variety”.

Our evening will begin with a reception wine - the Sparking Riesling (dry, toasty, lemon, apple, peach, and mineral) with some tasty bites by Zooma Caters.

Our guest speaker for the evening will be Thirty Bench winemaker, Emma Garner. Emma will lead us through a tasting of four multi award-winning Rieslings from the 2015 vintage - two from different areas of the vineyard (Small Lot “Steel Post” and Small Lot “Wood Post”); the Wild Cask Riesling (grapes were hand-picked from the Triangle Vineyard. The juice was racked to both stainless steel and two 500 litre neutral oak Puncheons. The oak puncheons were allowed to undergo a wild ferment). The fourth wine will be the Winemaker’s Blend Riesling (hand-picked from a mixture of old and young vines from the Beamsville Bench and select vineyards in Niagara-on-the-Lake). We will then be lucky enough to try two wines from the library – the 2006 and 2007 Small Lot “Wood Post” Rieslings.

As a special treat, we will get to try the Late Harvest Vidal (86% Vidal, 14% Riesling). After the tasting, we will have some time for mingling and more delicious nibbles from Zooma Caters.

Winemaker’s Bio: During her studies in the Oenology and Viticulture program at Brock University, Emma Garner travelled to Australia, New Zealand, France, Germany and British Columbia. Her passion for wine and food grew with each trip. After working in vineyards and cellars in the Niagara region, Emma began working at Trius Winery, where she made wine in various capacities until 2005 when she began working for Thirty Bench Wine Makers. In 2010, she garnered the desirable Thirty Bench winemaker position. Emma believes in allowing the vineyard to express itself by making wine with minimal intervention. She loves working with Rieslings and ferments them at low temperatures to retain as many aromatic compounds as possible resulting in wines bursting with complexity and intensity. Emma took home the 2015 Winemaker of the Year award at the Ontario Wine Awards, who recognized her consistent quality production across her portfolio, successes as demonstrated by additional wine awards and overall contribution to the wine industry.

Directions: 4281 Mountainview Rd. Beamsville - from the QEW, take exit 64, Ontario Street, Beamsville. Turn south onto Ontario Street until it comes to Regional Road 81 (King Street). Turn right (west) onto King Street. Turn left (south) at Mountainview Road. Thirty Bench is on the left. Winery telephone number: 905-563-1698

For more information call Sue at 905-563-9998 or email owsniagara@gmail.com

To register for this event, fill out and mail in the form below *or send payment via e-transfer to owsniagara@gmail.com including the name(s) of attendee(s), contact number, and e-mail address.*

Members may bring one guest at the member price. Your e-transfer or cheque must be received by February 21, 2018. Cancellations will be accepted up to February 21, 2018. Please do not mail cash. Seats are not sold at the door.

Although we appreciate knowing your intentions, receipt of your cheque or e-transfer is the only way to guarantee a reservation, so please be sure we receive your registration information as reservations are not accepted by email or phone.

In order to optimize the tasting experience for all participants, please refrain from wearing cologne or perfume products.

Registration Form

(Members \$40; Non-members \$50)

Please reserve _____ space(s) for the tasting event at Thirty Bench Wine Makers on February 28, 2018. Enclosed is my cheque for \$ _____. (Please make the cheque out to "Ontario Wine Society – Niagara Chapter).

Please contact me at _____ to confirm receipt of this cheque.

Please print:

Member's Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ **Postal Code:** _____

Telephone: (Day) _____ **(Evening)** _____

Are you affiliated with a winery? If so, which one? _____

Guest Name(s): _____

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Signed: _____ **Date:** _____

Please mail to The Ontario Wine Society – Niagara Chapter c/o S. Couch, 4850 Cherrywood Dr., Beamsville, Ontario, L0R 1B9