



NOTABLE FEATURES

Sheltered by the Niagara Escarpment, and farther inland from the warm lake waters, vineyards on the Bench tend to be slightly cooler during the late season when grapes are ripening. Combined with the early spring warming, this creates a unique growing season and promises mature, refined wines.

STATISTICS

Growing degree days (avg.): 1637

Frost free days: 210 (-2°)

July mean temperature: 22.5°

Grow season: April to October

Precipitation: 543mm (grow season)

Common varietals: Gamay Noir, Merlot, Cabernet Franc, Pinot Noir, Chardonnay

Production (2025-26): 44,988 (9L cases)

Number of approved wines: 67

Number of wineries: 7