

**Ganton and Larsen Prospect Winery****2006 Council's Punch Bowl Sauvignon Blanc
(Okanagan Valley)**

This is one of a series of wines under a new brand (ultimately a new winery) emerging from the Mission Hill Family Estate winery, with labels celebrating Okanagan history. Council's Punch Bowl is a historic lake in the British Columbia interior. It's made under the direction of Mission Hill director of winemaking, New Zealand born and trained John Simes. As one might expect, he brings the sure touch of a New Zealand winemaker to a variety iconic to that country and now doing remarkably

well in the Okanagan.

Accordingly, the wine begins with aromas of grapefruit and minerals. The herbaceousness inherent to this variety is well under control here. The flavours include a delicate touch of lime on the finish. The acidity is fresh and crisp but not sharp. The wine's restrained alcohol (12.5%) adds to its refreshing drinkability. 86 points.

Reviewed September 20, 2007 by [John Schreiner](#).

THE WINE

Winery: [Ganton and Larsen Prospect Winery](#)

Vintage: 2006

Wine: Council's Punch Bowl Sauvignon Blanc

Appellation: [Okanagan Valley](#)

Grape: Sauvignon Blanc

Price: \$16.99

THE REVIEWER**John Schreiner**

John Schreiner has been covering the wines of British Columbia for the past 30 years and has written 10 books on the wines of Canada and BC. He has judged at major competitions and is currently a panel member for the

Lieutenant Governor's Awards of Excellence in Wine. Both as a judge and as a wine critic, he approaches each wine not to find fault, but to find excellence. That he now finds the latter more often than the former testifies to the dramatic improvement shown by BC winemaking in the past decade.