

**Inniskillin Okanagan Vineyards Winery****2005 Chenin Blanc, McIntyre Bluff
(Okanagan Valley)**

Less than 20 acres of Chenin Blanc are grown in the Okanagan. A large block is in Vincor Canada's McIntyre Bluff Vineyard near Oliver. All of the grapes are now destined for Inniskillin Okanagan's Discovery Series, where winemaker Sandor Mayer made 500 cases in 2005. With the vines now fully in production, Mayer was able to make 2,000 cases the following year, making Inniskillin one of the largest of the Okanagan's three Chenin Blanc producers.

This is a superb example of Chenin Blanc, beginning with aromas of peaches and apricots, all in a tropical fruit salad. On the palate, there are flavours of apricots and mango. The texture of the wine is generous, with mineral notes and with a crisp acidity, leading to a long, lingering finish. 89 points.

Reviewed July 25, 2007 by [John Schreiner](#).

THE WINE

Winery: [Inniskillin Okanagan Vineyards Winery](#)

Vineyard: McIntyre Bluff

Vintage: 2005

Wine: Chenin Blanc

Appellation: [Okanagan Valley](#)

Grape: Chenin 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.