

**La Frenz Winery****2006 Semillon
(Okanagan Valley)**

Just a handful of wineries in British Columbia produce *Sémillon* on its own; most blend it with Sauvignon Blanc to make white Meritage. The subordinate role of *Sémillon* is reflected in the 2006 vineyard statistics: while 293 acres of Sauvignon Blanc is planted in British Columbia, *Sémillon* grows on only 66 acres.

La Frenz's Jeff Martin, familiar with *Sémillon* from his native Australia, is perhaps the Okanagan's largest *Sémillon* producer, making 700 cases in the 2006 vintage.

This is something of a showy white, with grapefruit and gooseberry aromas that one associates with New Zealand Sauvignon Blanc. The favours include pink grapefruit and sweet limes, with a finish that is crisp, refreshing and persistent. A portion of the wine has been barrel-fermented but the oak is so well-integrated that delicious fruit flavours dominate this very attractive wine. 88 points.

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

THE WINE

Winery: [La Frenz Winery](#)

Vintage: 2006

Wine: Semillon

Appellation: [Okanagan Valley](#)

Grape: [Semillon](#)

Price: \$18.00

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.