

## WINE RECOMMENDATION

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### La Frenz Winery

### NV Liqueur Muscat (Okanagan Valley)

According to the La Frenz winery, this fortified wine may be a Canadian first. Winemaker Jeff Martin has been inspired by the famous Rutherglen Muscats, iconic wines in his

native Australia.

Remarkably, Martin has been able to grow and source enough Muscat varieties in British Columbia to make this wine. The 2006 vineyard census showed only 24 acres of Muscat varieties, along with equal plantings of Muscat-like varieties (Schönburger, Siegerrebe).

The La Frenz clone of a fortified Muscat is a credible echo of Rutherglen. The wine begins with aromas of spice and raisin pie. On the palate, there are flavours of raisins, orange peel and spicy fruitcake that are sinfully delicious. The texture is luscious and the finish is very long, with a touch of heat from the wine's 18.5% alcohol. 89 points.

Reviewed July 24, 2007 by [John Schreiner](#).

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### THE WINE

**Winery:** [La Frenz Winery](#)

**Vintage:** NV

**Wine:** Liqueur Muscat

**Appellation:** [Okanagan Valley](#)

**Grape:** Muscat of Alexandria

**Price:** \$20.00 (375ml)

### 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.