

**Pentâge Wines****2005 Cabernet Franc, Estate
(Okanagan Valley)**

Cabernet Franc is one of the five reds that winery co-owner Paul Gardner grows to blend into the flagship Pentâge red. Both the winery and the wine get that name from *pente*, the Greek word for five, as well as for the winery's proximity to the nearby city of Penticton.

In 2004, Gardner released Cabernet Franc on its own as well, with such acclaim that he has followed with another from the 2005 vintage. He maintains that the variety makes wines that are lighter and fruitier than Cabernet Sauvignon. This wine delivers all of the vivid berry flavours that are classic to Cabernet Franc, but with an

age worthiness that will rival most Okanagan Cabernets.

The aroma suggests cherries and currants with a touch of spice. On the palate, there are lively notes of cherry, mocha and tobacco, with a hint of oak. The tannins are ripe and long, with none of the herbaceousness sometimes found in Cabernet Franc. The wine is at its best when decanted. 88 points.

Reviewed February 22, 2008 by [John Schreiner](#).

THE WINE

Winery: [Pentâge Wines](#)

Vineyard: Estate

Vintage: 2005

Wine: Cabernet Franc

Appellation: [Okanagan Valley](#)

Grape: Cabernet Franc

Price: \$28.00

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.