



Quinta Ferreira Estate Winery

2005 Malbec **(Okanagan Valley)**

Malbec is not widely grown in the Okanagan (only 38 acres in 2006) because it ripens late, toward the end of October when frost is always a threat. When the variety gets ripe, as it did in the superb 2005 vintage, the resulting wines are among the most generous and satisfying of Okanagan reds.

Most Malbec is dedicated to Bordeaux blends. Less than half a dozen wineries release single varietal Malbec, among them Quinta Ferreira, an Oliver-area winery that just opened in 2007. The modest production of Malbec quickly disappeared from the wine shop, mostly to fortunate restaurants. No doubt, they will be scrambling for an

allocation of the next vintage.

This wine is bold, very dark in colour, with aromas of vanilla, black cherry and blueberry that open layer by layer in the glass. Similarly, the deep flavours unwrap themselves as the wine opens with breathing, showing plums and black cherries, with spiciness. The texture is full and lush, with a lingering and satisfying finish. 90 points.

Reviewed October 22, 2007 by [John Schreiner](#).

THE WINE

Winery: [Quinta Ferreira Estate Winery](#)

Vintage: 2005

Wine: Malbec

Appellation: [Okanagan Valley](#)

Grape: Malbec

Price: \$26.90

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.