

WINE RECOMMENDATION



Salt Spring Vineyards

2005 Millotage (Gulf Islands)

One of two wineries on Salt Spring Island, this winery is owned by Janice and Bill Harkley, a couple who picked up savvy marketing ideas in previous careers. This wine is an example. Bill is a former airline pilot; Janice is a chartered accountant and executive coach. Noting that blends of Bordeaux red varieties can be called Meritag they came up with the term, Millotage, for this blend of two red French hybrids.

Created by the same hybridizer, Léon Millot and Maréchal Foch both thrive on Salt Spring Island. One shared advantage is that both have a natural resistance to powdery mildew which means, the winery says, that this wine is made from unsprayed grapes. Fairly dark in colour, this wine, this is soft, easy-drinking wine with abundant sweet fruit on the palate – flavours of spiced plums that linger on the finish. 86 points.

Reviewed August 29, 2007 by [John Schreiner](#).

THE WINE

Winery: [Salt Spring Vineyards](#)
Vintage: 2005
Wine: Millotage
Appellation: [Gulf Islands](#)
Grapes: [Leon Millot](#), [Marechal Foch](#)
Price: \$23.90

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 been judged at major competitions and 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.