

**Township 7 Vineyards and Winery****2006 Semillon
(Okanagan Valley)**

Only 66 acres of Sémillon is planted in British Columbia. Most of the fruit ends up in White Meritage blends with Sauvignon Blanc (nearly 300 acres is planted). Township 7 is one of only a handful of wineries that release a varietal Sémillon as well as a varietal Sauvignon Blanc. While winemaker Brad Cooper maintains that “blending is where it’s at,” he also has to keep Township 7 clients happy. They have come to expect these varietals each year, even if the wines have a similar profile.

Of the two, the Sémillon (production 670 cases) turned out better than the Sauvignon Blanc in 2006. The latter is light and flinty, very much a Graves style from a higher than expected crop yield. The Sémillon shows the expected lime flavours and fuller texture. Very dry and crisp on the finish, this is a wine looking for a dish of fresh oysters. 85 points.

Reviewed January 17, 2008 by [John Schreiner](#).

THE WINE

Winery: [Township 7 Vineyards and Winery](#)

Vintage: 2006

Wine: Semillon

Appellation: [Okanagan Valley](#)

Grape: Semillon

Price: \$17.99

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.