

**Brys Estate Vineyard and Winery****2006 Gewurztraminer, Estate
(Old Mission Peninsula)**

Visiting Brys Estate vineyard and winery on Michigan's Old Mission Peninsula does not remind one of Alsace. But their 2006 Gewurztraminer does – and back in the days when the Alsace style was totally dry and crisp, not the highly viscous and sweeter wines the region produces today.

True varietal floral perfume, spicy and lychee aromas are delicate and not in your face. Flavors are hallmarked by lychee, ground coriander spice, fresh ginger and citrus hints. Sprightly acidity, nice viscosity, and a

creamy, generous full finish cry out for Thai dishes. But even better are Indian curries. It's also a pleasant sipper on its own.

The 25 planted acres on the 80-acre Brys Estate have been carefully set in blocks to have the different varieties, such as Gewurztraminer, Pinot Blanc, Pinot Gris and Riesling among white varieties and Pinot Noir, Merlot and Cabernet Sauvignon among the reds, planted to specific soil types that suit each variety best.

Brys Estate owners [Eileen and Walter Brys](#) and their 32-year-old South African born and educated winemaker/consultant Cornel Olivier fit all the pieces together well for this Old Mission Peninsula AVA winery, now attracting more than local attention with an ever-growing wine production.

Reviewed July 15, 2007 by [Eleanor & Ray Heald](#).

THE WINE

Winery: [Brys Estate Vineyard and Winery](#)

Vineyard: Estate

Vintage: 2006

Wine: Gewurztraminer

Appellation: [Old Mission Peninsula](#)

Grape: [Gewurztraminer](#)

Price: \$17.50

THE REVIEWER**Eleanor & Ray Heald**

The Healds have been writing about wine since 1978 and have focused on appellation significance in many of their world beat writings. They value recognizing site personality (*terroir*) within an appellation's wines. They praise balance and elegance in wines

styled to pair well with food and eschew over-extraction, high alcohol and heavy-handed oak. "Delicious" is their favorite descriptor for a great, well-made wine.