

**Corey Creek Vineyards****2006 Gewürztraminer
(North Fork of Long Island)**

I've always felt bad for the Gewürztraminer grape. With a name so difficult to say and character so unique and singular, it never seems to get its due. It will never threaten Chardonnay for the white wine throne in the U.S. But, that doesn't mean that I don't love it and that there aren't terrific renditions being made here on the East Coast.

Only a handful of wineries bother with this under-appreciated wine. Some make it in the off-dry style that I think plagues many U.S.

bottlings, but a couple use Alsace as their model, crafting dry, distinctive wines.

Corey Creek Vineyards' 2006 Gewürztraminer is similar to the [stellar 2005](#), and while maybe a little less intensely flavored, it's no less enchanting or delicious.

This is an extremely aromatic white with wild flowers, peach and lychee mingling in a nose that is typical for the varietal but somehow fresher and more lively. The flavors in the mouth are similar and while Gewürztraminer can sometimes suffer from a lack of acidity or be way too perfume-like, this one dodges both bullets. Year in and year out Corey Creek Vineyards helps show what this grape can do here. It is the benchmark against which all other East Coast Gewürztraminers should be measured.

Reviewed May 29, 2007 by [Lenn Thompson](#).

THE WINE

Winery: [Corey Creek Vineyards](#)
Vintage: 2006
Wine: Gewürztraminer
Appellation: [North Fork of Long Island](#)
Grape: [Gewürztraminer](#)
Price: \$30.00

THE REVIEWER**Lenn Thompson**

Lenn Thompson writes about New York wines for *Dan's Papers*, *Long Island Press*, *Long Island Wine Gazette*, *Edible East End* and *Hamptons.com*. Two words describe his taste in wine — *balance* and *nuance*.

Lenn prefers food-friendly, elegant wines to jammy, over-extracted fruit bombs and heavy-handed oak. When reviewing, Lenn tastes each wine three times — alone right after opening, with food, and again the next day — believing that 90-second reviews are unrealistic and not how the average person enjoys wine.