

**Garry Oaks Winery****2006 Pinot Gris
(Gulf Islands)**

The second most widely grown white grape in British Columbia, Pinot Gris has shown itself a variety that adapts to a variety of terroirs, including the Gulf Islands.

Garry Oaks is one of two wineries on Salt Spring Island, operating from a vineyard meticulously managed by [Marcel Mercier and Elaine Kozak](#). A former economist, Kozak has proven herself an accomplished winemaker.

As this complex wine shows, she lets the grapes and the terroir speak without winemaking manipulation. The natural acidity, given the cool climate of the Gulf Islands, is piquant, even edgy. Kozak lets it show through to lift the vivid aromas and flavours here – lime and rhubarb. With a bit of cellaring, the other fruit flavours, including ripe pineapple, will also become more evident. 86 now, likely a few more points in a year.

Reviewed July 17, 2007 by [John Schreiner](#).

THE WINE

Winery: [Garry Oaks Winery](#)

Vintage: 2006

Wine: Pinot Gris

Appellation: [Gulf Islands](#)

Grape: [Pinot Gris / Grigio](#)

Price: \$23.99

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.