

**Herder Winery & Vineyards****2005 Pinot Noir, Bellamay Vineyard
(Similkameen Valley)**

The Bellamay Vineyard is a tiny but superbly farmed plot on the banks of the Similkameen River. Winemaker Lawrence Herder has crafted several varietals from the vineyard – Merlot as well as Pinot Noir. The grapes from this vineyard deliver vivid fruit flavours and the wines invariably have been striking.

This Pinot Noir is a case in point. Dark in colour, the wine absolutely fills the mouth with juicy flavours: black cherries framed with spice and notes of toasty oak. On the palate, the wine is full and sensuous as only a fine Pinot can be. Tasting this wine is an interesting experience, with its lovely sweet entry and its very persistent finish. The wine pulls off being bold and elegant at the same time. Alas, only 65 cases were made. 90 points.

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

THE WINE

Winery: [Herder Winery & Vineyards](#)

Vineyard: Bellamay Vineyard

Vintage: 2005

Wine: Pinot Noir

Appellation: [Similkameen Valley](#)

Grape: [Pinot Noir](#)

Price: \$24.90

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 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.