

**Oliver Twist Estate Winery****Oliver Twist 2006 Twisted Chardonnay  
(Okanagan Valley)**

Winery owner Bruce Hagerman has been a home winemaker for almost 20 years. And since settling in the Okanagan in 2002, he and spouse Denice have taken numerous courses in grape growing and winemaking, preparing themselves to manage the vineyard they planted in 2006 and the winery they opened in the spring of 2007.

However, to launch the winery, they engaged consultant Christine Leroux, a Canadian-born winemaker who took her enology degree at the University of Bordeaux. Leroux is one of the Okanagan's top consultants, making individually-styled wines at several wineries, including a fruit winery.

Oliver Twist's Chardonnay strikes a fine balance between unoaked and fully-oaked styles that she has made. A quarter of the wine was aged three months in new French oak before being blended with the balance, which had been fermented in stainless steel. As a result, the oak notes are very subtle. The wine shows delicate fruit aromas and flavours of crisp green apples, with a dry finish. It's also refreshing light, making it an excellent summertime Chardonnay.

Reviewed July 6, 2007 by [John Schreiner](#).

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**THE WINE**

**Winery:** [Oliver Twist Estate Winery](#)

**Vintage:**

**Wine:** Oliver Twist 2006 Twisted Chardonnay

**Appellation:** [Okanagan Valley](#)

**Grape:** [Chardonnay](#)

**Price:** \$17.90

**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.