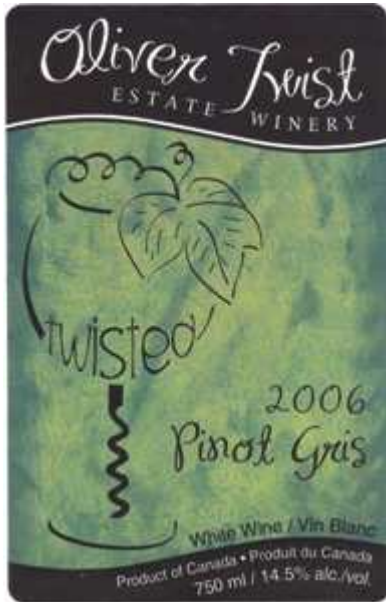


**WINE RECOMMENDATION**

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**Oliver Twist Estate Winery**

**2006 Pinot Gris  
(Okanagan Valley)**

Oliver Twist is winery in the south Okanagan – south of the town of Oliver, as the name suggests – that opened just at the end of April, 2007, launching with wines made from purchased grapes. The winery’s own year-old 17-acre vineyard is several seasons from yielding a commercial vintage.

For the owners, Bruce and Denice Hagerman, wine is only the latest career in lives filled with adventure and novelty. Native Albertans, they have been farmers, retailers, owners of a recreational vehicle park and have themselves travelled the continent in a motorhome. Just before moving to the Okanagan to be wine growers, they had lived in Palm Springs where Bruce was a policeman and then a locksmith. And the couple co-authored a hiking book. That rich background shows in their well-equipped winery, based on the former orchard they bought in 2002 and converted to vineyard last year.

Somewhat to their surprise – for the wine grape supply in the Okanagan is tight – the Hagermans were able to buy enough fruit last fall to hire a consulting winemaker and make 2,500 cases of wine, including Pinot Gris, one of the most popular varieties in the market. This wine, with green and blush glints, shows fresh, fruity aromas, flavours of green apples and peaches, and a juicy, mouthfilling texture. The finish is fresh and crisp. 88 points.

Reviewed May 29, 2007 by [John Schreiner](#).

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**THE WINE**

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

**Vintage:** 2006

**Wine:** Pinot Gris

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

**Grape:** [Pinot Gris / Grigio](#)

**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.