

**Pentage Wines****2005 Pinot Noir  
(Okanagan Valley)**

Pentâge has an unusually low-profile for such an excellent winery. This reflects the low-key marketing efforts of owners Paul Gardner and Julie Rennie. His priority lies with developing his vineyards on a scenic bench south of Penticton, overlooking Skaha Lake.

The quality of the Pinot Noir that Pentâge has released in the last few vintages shows that Gardner has his priorities right. As the word gets around, consumers will find the wine without any marketing at all.

The 2005 Pinot Noir is a beautiful wine even as it is being poured, showing a lovely jewel-box ruby hue in the glass. The fruit flavours are lively, with notes of raspberry, red currants and a touch of spice. The winery's own tasting notes compare this spiciness creatively to "spicy Oriental tea." The texture of the wine shows the typical orgasmic silkiness of Pinot Noir. This is a finely polished wine that marks Pentâge as a rising star among the Okanagan's Pinot Noir producers. 88 points.

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

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**THE WINE**

**Winery:** [Pentage Wines](#)

**Vintage:** 2005

**Wine:** Pinot Noir

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

**Grape:** [Pinot Noir](#)

**Price:** \$22.00

**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.