



Red Rooster Winery

2006 Gewürztraminer Reserve (Okanagan Valley)

When the [Red Rooster Winery](#) moved into its palatial new winery near Penticton in 2004, the tasting room's second floor was set aside as a gallery in which local artists display and sell their works. As well, the expansive tasting room displays a significant amount of original art, including a now-notorious life-size nude sculpture called Frank the Baggage Handler.

Frank was commissioned originally for a traffic circle in Penticton. There, the piece created considerable outrage. When it was vandalized, Red Rooster invited Frank's creator to move the art to the safety of the tasting room. It is there today, along with a replica on

the lawn; both have had the vandalized parts restored and winery visitors do not object.

Red Rooster's commitment to art has now extended to some of its labels. The Reserve Gewürztraminer displays a painting by Penticton's Glenn Clark, a regional scene in a Group of Seven style. The wine has the classic spice, rose petal and lychee aromas of the variety, with flavours of peaches, grapefruit and grapefruit rind. The 13 grams of residual sugar give the wine a full, juicy weight on the palate. 86 points.

Reviewed July 15, 2007 by [John Schreiner](#).

THE WINE

Winery: [Red Rooster Winery](#)

Vintage: 2006

Wine: Gewürztraminer Reserve

Appellation: [Okanagan Valley](#)

Grape: [Gewurztraminer](#)

Price: \$19.90

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.