

**Twisted Tree Vineyards and Winery****2005 Riesling
(Okanagan Valley)**

Winery owners Beata and Chris Tolley began assembling winemaking equipment two years ago, one of the first pieces of equipment was a sorting table. Even that recently, this was not standard equipment in many Okanagan wineries, and was almost never seen in start-up wineries. It signalled that this couple understood what had to be done to make quality wine, particularly with purchased grapes.

They set exacting standards with their growers, to the point that, in the 2006 vintage, they rejected one load of Riesling grapes. It was a courageous thing for the new kids on the block to do, considering that grapes are in short supply and Riesling is returning to fashion. Thus, there won't be a 2006 Riesling from Twisted Tree.

But there is a very fine 2005 Riesling. The wine begins with a light touch of petrol and good citrus aromas. On the palate, there are flavours of grapefruit, with a touch of honey. Even though the wine has 16 grams of residual sugar, its fine racy acidity balances the wine so that the finish is crisp and vibrant. Only 100 cases have been released. 90 points.

Reviewed May 1, 2007 by [John Schreiner](#).

THE WINE

Winery: [Twisted Tree Vineyards and Winery](#)

Vintage: 2005

Wine: Riesling

Appellation: [Okanagan Valley](#)

Grape: Riesling

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.