

**Ganton and Larsen Prospect Winery****2006 The Census Count Chardonnay  
(Okanagan Valley)**

In 1994, John Simes, who directs the winemaking for Mission Hill and for its new spin-off, Prospect Winery, put the Okanagan on the world wine map by winning the top Chardonnay trophy at that year's International Wine & Spirits Competition in London. That 1992 award winner is long gone – but this wine has all the qualities of that legendary bottle, and perhaps a bit

more.

Fermented 30 percent in American oak, the wine has a touch of sweet vanilla that adds richness and complexity to the aroma. The 7 ½ months it spent on the lees has contributed a luscious richness on the palate. The wine tastes of ripe pears, peaches and citrus, with an undertone of honey. Big and generous on the palate, the wine has a lingering finish. 89 points.

The curious label refers to an Okanagan tradition, a Christmas Day count of the resident birds, that was begun by a naturalist in 1905.

Reviewed September 20, 2007 by [John Schreiner](#).

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**THE WINE**

**Winery:** [Ganton and Larsen Prospect Winery](#)

**Vintage:** 2006

**Wine:** The Census Count Chardonnay

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

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

**Price:** \$16.99

**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.