

**Herder Winery & Vineyards****2006 Three Sisters
(British Columbia)**

California-born Lawrence Herder, co-owner of this three-year-old winery in the Similkameen Valley, is one of the leading exponents of small lot winemaking in British Columbia. Perhaps the winery's largest production of a single wine is the forthcoming release of the flagship red, Josephine, at 500 cases. The volume of Three Sisters is more typical.

Limited supplies of grapes have certainly pushed Herder in the small lots direction. However, the prime motive is his passion for winemaking, acquired with his grandmother's home winemaking kit long before he studied at Fresno State.

Three Sisters is the sort of unconventional blend that winemakers like Herder have been making ever since Caymus Conundrum introduced consumers to eclectic white blends. This wine, however, reminds one more of an Alsace Edelzwicker, finishing bold and dry with a touch of heat that suggests the stated alcohol is low. The aromas are tropical and a touch smoky. The flavours are tropical, with anise on the finish. The Viognier in the blend contributes a satisfying richness to the texture. 87 points.

Reviewed October 24, 2007 by [John Schreiner](#).

THE WINE

Winery: [Herder Winery & Vineyards](#)

Vintage: 2006

Wine: Three Sisters

Appellation: [British Columbia](#)

Grapes: Pinot Gris / Grigio (34%), Chardonnay (31%), Viognier (20%), Gewurztraminer (15%)

Price: \$20.00

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.