

**Herder Winery & Vineyards****2006 Pinot Gris  
(British Columbia)**

In earlier vintages, California-trained winemaker Lawrence Herder was something of a traditionalist, using cork closures and announcing it proudly on the label, with the tag: "Natural cork." This white is his first wine with a screw cap closure which, as New Zealand wineries have demonstrated, is the superior closure for preserving fruit aromas and flavours.

Herder made this unoaked wine with grapes from vineyards in the south Okanagan and the Similkameen Valley. "By blending these two we have created an even better aroma," the winery suggests. This

wine begins with delicate notes of pears and peaches on the nose, leading to flavours of pears and apples and citrus. The texture shows a rich middle palate but the finish is crisp. The overall impression of this wine is refreshing and delicious. Only 340 cases were released. 87 points.

Reviewed May 29, 2007 by [John Schreiner](#).

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**THE WINE**

**Winery:** [Herder Winery & Vineyards](#)

**Vintage:** 2006

**Wine:** Pinot Gris

**Appellation:** [British Columbia](#)

**Grape:** [Pinot Gris / Grigio](#)

**Price:** \$18.90

**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.