

## DRINK

**D**rinking for the home team hasn't always been such a thrill given the state of Pennsylvania wineries, whose great promise — at least for drinkable wines — has remained largely unfulfilled.

There have been notable exceptions, like Chadds Ford Chardonnay. But after tasting some surprisingly good whites from Crossing Vineyards in Bucks County, I've come to think that some of the best new wineries are unknown because they're simply too small to gain a foothold on retail shelves in the State Store system.

Crossing's wines are mostly limited to Washington Crossing and eateries nearby, such as Restaurant 552, where I first sampled its apple-crisp chardonnay. But it's worth a trip to the vineyard's Web store to order the very intriguing 2004 viognier. This elegant East Coast version of the famous Rhone white offers

a taste of chardonnay-like butter, but with some exotic twists of tropical fruit and pie spice.

Crossing Vineyard's 2004 viognier can be purchased from [www.crossingvineyards.com](http://www.crossingvineyards.com) for \$17 a bottle plus shipping (ranging from \$9 for one bottle to \$7.96 for 12 with case discount). Or visit the winery at 1853 Wrightstown Rd., Washington Crossing, 215-493-6500.

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