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Markko Vineyard
Markko Wines

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HOURS: 11 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Monday - Saturday
Closed Sunday
- Tastings by appointment -
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Lake Erie Winegrowers
Conneaut, Ohio
Since 1968
Show forth your work to your servants; let your glory shine on their children. Let the favor of the Lord be upon us: give success to the work of our hands. Psalm 90

WINTER AND EARLY SPRING SUMMARY

After a crop in 1999 bigger than expected, a mild winter helped avoid major winter damage. The large crop also may leave the vines low in reserve energy, so care and control of pruning tries to keep the 2000 crop below 3 tons per acre. Keeping the crop low is essential for fruitiness and flavor intensity in the wine. With above normal spring temperatures an early bud break seems inevitable. Only cool Lake breezes or cooler Canadian air could hold bud break to about the normal date of April 25. The challenges of each spring are balanced by the hope and joy in the reawakening of the vineyard.

TIM HUBBARD

As many of you already know, Tim Hubbard died on January 14, 2000. In addition to being a partner, Tim was like an older brother. We founded Markko Vineyard in 1968. In the early days we traveled together to Hammondsport, New York to graft vines with Dr. Frank and to learn how to grow vinifera vines. From there we planted the first and second vineyard together. The design and construction of the winery was next. Tim was always an important part of Markko whether he was creating ideas that answered vineyard problems or pouring wines at events like Rabbit Run Theater or Cleveland Symphony Development dinners. For his friends, he carried wine, cider, a loaf of bread, apples or blueberries to share. He met Cissy Cochran at a wine function at the Butler Wick Museum in Youngstown. They courted, married and raised a family: Elizabeth, Polly and Luke. (Tim and Cissy shared a passion for the arts and a strong interest in history. Both families had histories of involvement with the Underground Railroad. The William Hubbard House, now the Hubbard House Underground RR Museum, was an integral part of the escape route from the South to Canada.)

Thanks to all of you for the sympathy and support through all of Tim's trials. He kept active and engaged in all his activities right to the very last day. He and his family gained strength from your concern and good wishes. Those here at the Vineyard feel the loss more than words can express. We see the same future that he saw and shared with enthusiasm. The goal now is to hold to the course and build on the ideals he nurtured over the last thirty-two years. As he requested we "shed no tears" and remember that "many hands make light work."

Picture contributed by Martta Tuomloa
Estates Bottled

Excelsior

1992  Brut Methode Champenoise, 30.00  324.00
50% Pinot Noir,
50% Chardonnay

Chardonnay

1996  Reflections of Lake Erie. 12.00  129.60
Light mineral flinty

1995  Homage - Firm, round toasty 18.00  194.40
Racey elegance.
4% Pinot Gris
1% Muscat

1995  Reserve 21.00  226.80
Medium body, fruit, toasty

1996  Chardonnay 16.00  172.80
Fresh, flinty

1997  Chardonnay 12.00  129.60
to be released _

Cabernet Sauvignon

1996  Firm, fruity, medium body 12.00  129.60
1997  Full body, berries 18.00  194.40

Riesling

1995  'Kabinett' . . fresh, fruity 12.00  129.60

1996  Light, fresh, fruity 12.00  129.60

1997  fresh, crisp, dry 12.00  129.60
1998  Honey, round, dry. Unfiltered 12.00  129.60

Pinot Noir

(Limit of 6 bottles)

1997  Medium body, fruit, toasty 25.00  n.a.

Covered Bridge

Riesling 7.50  81.00
Chardonnay 7.50  81.00

Nice-to-Have

Wine Glasses, with Markko logo, 5.00  48.00
8 or 12 oz., 24% leaded crystal
T-Shirts L or XL - white or blue 14.00
Sanbri two-pronged cork pullers 4.60
Poster - Free with case 3.00

Case discount 10%
Appointments recommended
Cash, Check, Visa & MasterCard accepted

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Wine Order

Name ________________________________
Street ________________________________
City __________________ State ______ Zip ______
Tel. (____) ____________________________

☐ Keep or add us to mailing list

QTY. WINE PRICE TOTAL

☐ (Ohio residents 6% tax)

$9.00 per case UPS________

$5.00 gift pack TOTAL ______

Ship to: (If different from address above)
Name ________________________________
Street ________________________________
City __________________ State __________
Tel. ______________ Zip _______________

Shipping Instructions: ________________________________

Gift Message ________________________________

Check enclosed Visa MC
Cardholder's Number ________________________________
Cardholder's Signature ________________________________
Expiration date ________________________________

Thank you for your order.
**CALENDAR**

April 25  Tasting at Crawford Museum, Cleveland.

May 27  Blessing of Vines 11 AM, Hil-Mak Perch Fry 1 to 3 PM Jug Day.

June 2-4  Ann Arbor Mich.


June 9-11  Vintage Columbus, Dublin, OH

July 14-15  Markko Cup, Grand River to Ashtabula YC

Aug. 4-5  Vintage Ohio, Farm Park

Sept. 16  Odds & Ends Sale

Oct. 14-15  Covered Bridge Festival

Dec. 2-3  Yuletide Tasting

For delivery of orders to destinations away from the Vineyard, call.

_Eaves dripping rain_
_splash in the tub_
_the dogs drink_
_leaving refreshed_

**BOB GOTTESMAN**

When Bob Gottesman died last month, Ohio and the Lake Erie appellation lost its leader and father figure. He put together Meiers, the vineyards on North Bass Island (the Isle St. George appellation) and the Firelands group. Then he developed the largest vinifera plantings along Lake Erie. His goal was producing the best of the Lake's potential. It was not easy or profitable. He held the wineries and growers together to win some major political battles, many at his own expense. His grace came with understanding people and supporting their goals while focusing on building a strong and united wine industry. He leaves strong leadership in his companies and a thankful industry. We will miss Bob as the unifier of the Ohio and Lake Erie winegrowers. Our sympathy goes to Muriel, his wife, Ed and Rob Boas, and all his family and friends who feel the loss and sorrow. He showed us the way to a bright future.

_Blessing of the Vines_
May 27th at 11:00 A.M.

**Perch Fry**

Hil-Mak Perch fry
May 27th
1:00 P.M. to 3:00 P.M.
$20 per person
Call for reservations.
440-593-3197

_Hundreds of flowers in spring;
the moon in autumn,
A cool breeze in summer;
and snow in winter;
If useless things do not hang in your mind,
Every season is good season for you._

_Ekai Mumon_