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"Gladden thy heart"

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HARVEST

After an almost ideal growing season, a bumper crop arrived at the end of September. Pinot Gris and Pinot Noir picked early and heavy Chardonnay needed more time for development. Culetta Burdette and crew carefully separated raisin berries from ripe ones. The late harvest Chardonnay sugars ran upwards of 35° brix while normal fruit was 22°. Riesling and Cabernet followed the same pattern. The botrytis fruit added to the quality, and missed the Cabernet bunches. The crop was huge because buds were fruitful and pruning should have been more severe. It will be fun watching the vintage develop. The picking crew rallied each time the weather or winery called for change in picking plans. Team work by all helped Aunt Culetta's crew bring in all 65 tons on time.

MARKKO COMPANION PUPS

Two litters of four puppies will be six weeks old by Christmas - ready as friendly additions to your family. Those who are waiting for one need to call and choose their pups. They come highly recommended by owners.

NEW BOTTLINGS

Excelsior Champagne

Limited amounts of 1992 Excelsior have been released to meet celebration demand. As a new bottling in May '99 this Excelsior needs storage "entirage" to reach its peak before disgorging. '92 was an excellent year to make Champagne because cool weather delayed ripening with less sugar in the grapes. In a sense the ripening happens in the bottle. Markko pricing rations distribution based on the ascetic quality if disgorged in 2002. About three years are required for maturity of character and the 'mousse' - the tiny bubbles with the creamy mouth feel. This vintage is a blend of 50% Chardonnay and Pinot Noir and the Brut dosage leaves the sugar at 0.8% - almost natural - just right for the millennium New Year.

New Riesling Releases

The latest bottling lots cover four vintages of Riesling. These are almost or all dry reflecting the natural outcome from the cellar. The '96 and '95 have some residual sugar at about 1 to 2% with crisp fruitiness. The '97 and Covered Bridge lots have crisp fruit but are dry. The '98 lot bottled straight from one barrel carries round honey flavors with hints of tea and toast. Barrel fermented on settings gives an extra dimension to this limited trial bottling.
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

1995 Reserve ... Fine nose, full body. Unfiltered  30.00 n.a.
1997 Medium body, fruit, toasty  25.00 n.a.

Covered Bridge

Riesling  7.50 81.00
Chardonnay  7.50 81.00

Cabernet Sauvignon

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

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

Thank you for your order.
Holiday Suggestions

Wines chosen from the wine list come in gift boxes with gift cards and can be shipped same day if ordered by 3:00 pm. Try one of these.

I. Duet . . . The tune is light white jazz  $23.00
   '96 Riesling '96 Reflections

II. Sonata . . . Reserved elegant lyrics  $29.00
    '95 Homage
    '96 Riesling

III. Classic . . . Colorful combination  $32.00
     '95 Chardonnay Reserve
     '96 Cabernet

IV. Quartet . . . Four grape harmonies  $50.00
    '96 Chardonnay
    '95 Riesling
    '96 Riesling
    '96 Cabernet

V. Concerto . . . Gourmet invention  $63.00
    '93 Chardonnay Reserve
    '95 Chardonnay Reserve
    '96 Riesling '94 Plumage

VI. Sextet . . . Best of Lake Erie  $114.00
    '93 Chardonnay Reserve
    '95 Chardonnay Reserve
    '91 Chardonnay Reserve
    '94 Plumage Reserve
    '97 Cabernet
    '97 Pinot Noir Reserve

VII. Elation . . . 'Gladden the Heart'  $229.00
    After you've enjoyed the first bottle, there's still one reserved.
    Two each of the sextet selection - a full case.

Order today for tomorrow's enjoyment

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CALENDAR

Dec. 31 New Year's Eve Party at the Vineyard Call for Reservations.

Jan. 28-30 Cherry Hill Wine Weekend OWPA 800 788-8008

Feb. 13-15 Grape Wine Short Course, Dublin, OH 800 227-6972

March 3 Promusica Tasting, Columbus

April 1 Lake Erie Wine Tasting & Auction, Civic Center, Geneva

Apr. 7-8 Cincinnati Wine Fest, Cincinnati

May 27 Blessing of the Vines & Perch Fry

June 2-4 Ann Arbor Mich - Reunion

June 9-11 Mt. Hermon Mass - Reunion

Wind rustles fallen leaves
Arranging the carpet
Chickadees twitter above
As sun sets

REFLECTIONS OF LAKE ERIE

The Vintage 96 bottling of Reflections shows a difference in style - lighter and leaner - a mirror of the grapes. With a long cool growing season that summer the wines have the mineral and earthy touch not found in 'west coast' or 'down-under' wines.

Each new bottling and vintage, step by step, builds on the Reflections of Lake Erie label used by so many wineries. Each one unique expressing the winemaker's choice as 'typical of the region' and 'best blend' of his cellar. Find the rainbow of colors and character as you taste each offering, many from pretty blue bottles.