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STILL LIFE

Here on the table, a great scarred loaf of bread, a cheese, a napkin checkered white and red, a glass half-filled, a bottle black with wine, a cream-white china bowl, a tangerine, a water bottle bellied like a tun, a yellow cup behind the bottle peeping, and each of them without a shadow sleeping in the winter light of the Mediterranean sun.

Here too I drowse, immersed in the design made by the water flask, the bread, the wine, and the dropped napkin, wishing I were a ble to sleep under the sun, translucent as the colored liquid sleeping in a glass; to merely be, like bottles on a table.

-Malcomb Cowley, "Blue Juniata"

NEW RELEASES

1986 Cabernet Sauvignon, Lot 67
A soft, full-bodied Cabernet ready to drink now or tuck away in your cellar; fermented with 15% whole berries; excellent balance, full tannins; a lovely, fruity aroma. Will age well.

$9.00 @ bottle $97.20 @ case

1988 Riesling, Lot 892
Crisp, clean, fruity and refreshing; a modest, dry wine.

$7.00 @ bottle $70.00 @ case

CHARDONNAY REDUCED

In the production of vinifera wine, there is the occasional heartache when promising vintages fade before their time. The 1986 Chardonnay is a case in point—wines that simply lost their "bloom."

If you're looking for answers, we can only offer theories: poor grapes from the rainy harvest of '86 and the lack of sufficient sulfite needed to hold the quality. Anything else we attribute to the hand of God and nature or perhaps the "invisible spirit of wine."

For those of you holding the 1986 vintage in your cellar, we encourage you to drink it soon. It is a pleasant and drinkable wine, just not one in the grand tradition of Chardonnay.

Any customer wishing to exchange their wine for another selection may do so by contacting the winery. Remaining bottles and cases will be sold at a reduced price of $7.00 @ bottles or $75.60 @ case. Covered Bridge Chardonnay is reduced to $5.00 and $55.00.

OFF THE LEES . . . . . Markko wines brought in a fair price at the recent WVIZ auction in Cleveland. Vertical cases of Chardonnay and Cabernet went for $250 a case. Support from the Ohio Grape Industries Program and Ohio Wine Producers Association helped make this one of the most successful auctions in history . . . . For the third year, Markko wines were served at the Five Star Sensation - the big culinary event in Cleveland. Linda Frisbee and Zelda Altman stepped in to help out at the table while Amie watched his son Paul, graduate from SMU in Dallas . . . . more tripping in July for an international event in New York City - "Windows of the World".

Dear Markko Customer:

Since we subscribe to the theory "less is more," Markko is reducing its mailing list. If you would like to continue to receive our mailings, please check below and return this postcard.

Yes I want to continue receiving Markko mailings.

Number of reservations for Perch Fry on June 17.

Yes I want to continue receiving Markko mailings.

Return of this card entitles you to a 5% discount on your next Markko purchase.

Name __________________________________________

Address _________________________________________
Catch of the Day and Chardonnay
Saturday, June 17
2-4 pm

Hilmak’s Perch
New Zealand Rice
Greek Salad
Fresh Strawberries
Chardonnay

Adults $8.00  Children $5.00
Call or return the postcard for reservations.
Tel. (216) 593-3197

The unicorn label on our champagne is the work of Vineyard Manager, Linda Frisbee - a lady of many talents . . . . Champagne tastes . . . . and ours is three years old. Celebrate those special occasions with a rare Ohio champagne made in brut, dry and natural to your tastes . . . . wonderful with strawberries this time of year.

CRYSTAL COLLECTION
When you visit this summer, look for our new collections of 7 oz. wine glasses imprinted with the familiar Markko logo on the bowl. These 24% full lead crystal glasses are perfect for tastings or the dinner table and retail for just $2.50 each. (Glasses are available with the same bowl, an elegant longer stem and no logo for the same price.) Call or write for additional information.

GIFT PACKS may include 2 glasses and 1 bottle of wine rather than the standard two-bottle pack. Discounts available on quantity orders.