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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.
-Malcolm 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  $75.00 @ case

OFF THE LEES . . . . . . . Markko wines brought in a
fair price at the recent WV1Z auction in Cleveland. Ver-
tical 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 to 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 Arnie watched his son Paul, graduate from
SMU in Dallas . . . . more tripping in July for an
ternational event to New York City - "Windows of the
World".

Your wine certainly had exuberant fruit, but the
flavors had very strong edges. There was precision and
care. The 1985 really was terrific; I'm content considering
it's probably my favorite Chardonnay.
--a friend from Pennsylvania

-Malcolm Cowley
*Here with the Long Grass Rippling*
"Blue Juniata"

blessing of the vines
June 3 - at noon

CHARDONNAY REDUCED

In the production of vinifera wine, there is the occas-
ional 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 the-
tories: poor grapes from the rainy harvest of '86 and the
lack of sufficient sulphite needed to hold the quality.
Anything else we attribute to the hand of God and na-
ture 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.

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 notice.

☐ Yes I want to continue receiving Markko mailings.
☐ No. Number of reservations for Perch Fry on June 17.

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

Address:  

-pray for this: to walk as humbly on the
earth as my father and mother did; to
greatly love a few; to love the earth, to be
sparing of what it yields, and not to leave it
poorer for my long presence; to speak some
words in patterns that will be
remembered, and again the voice be
heard to exult or mourn – all this, and in
some corner where nettles grew in the black soil, to plant
and hoe a dozen hills of corn.

-Malcolm Cowley
**"Blue Juniata"**
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 $2.50 each. (Glasses are available 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.