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- per gift pack . . . $4.50
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HOURS: 11 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Monday - Saturday
Closed Sunday
- Tastings by appointment -

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1997
WINE LIST

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Markko Wines

Lake Erie
Winegrowers
Conneaut, Ohio
Since 1968
It's mid-morning in So. Indiana on a sunny but windy day. I've been sitting here watching the leaves sail past my window. It's not that I haven't anything to do, but sometimes it's good to just sit & watch things happen. Besides, the leaves dance so beautifully - they surely deserve an audience.

Br. David

**VINEYARD REPORT**

The vintage of 1996 will go down in the records as difficult - another even year challenge. The long cool and wet spring followed a winter which had a damaging cold snap without deep snow. Some trunks were injured but bud damage was not severe. The vines were healthy and revitalized from the 1995 season. With August came sunny warm weather and the vines caught up and were headed for regular October harvest. September turned cold with record rain fall, and this winegrower missed the last spray to stop downy mildew. So the leaves dropped early and harvest started late with low sugars and firm acids. The '96 wines may develop like the '92's (and compare to the wines from cool climates like Chablis and the Moselle).

The pickers had to select and cut-out some rot, but were happy the weather was mostly clear and the lack of leaves left the bunches easy to find. The pickers also had great spirit in spite of many hardships, and they each deserve a 'well done' and 'thank you'. Picking each year can be fun, but it also requires dedication, sacrifice, and often discomfort.

**SANDISFIELD HOUSE TASTING**

December 7 - 8, 1 to 5 pm

This may be the last annual Christmas tasting at Sandisfield House, because Trent and Norma Bobbitt have sold the property. Be sure to come and see their careful restoration of this historic old home, especially if you have not been before or if you would like some of the antique furnishings. This fine collection of furniture pieces is available for those interested, because they are unable to move all to a new setting. Discover unique and unusual treasures as Sandisfield House tastings conclude.

It's also your chance to taste the latest releases from the Vineyard around the warm hearth in the kitchen. And also either before or after your visit, you may stop for your Christmas tree at Manners Pine Tree Lodge.

Henry Taylor, there, says you may stop during the Holidays and cut your own tree. Horse-drawn hayrides take you out and back on your tree-search. At the Lodge you can warm up by the fire with hot chocolate, soup and goodies available. On weekends carolers sing the old favorites. Any tree you cut is $35 and they are open daily Nov. 29 to Dec. 22. Manners is located on Dodgeville road off SR 46 between US 6 and 322 as you go south from Sandisfield. For more information call 216-294-2444.

**BARRELS & PLANTERS**

Used barrel halves make neat planters in the spring or maybe even for indoor plants or small trees now. Barrels are $40 and halves are $22.

**WINE & DINE**

The tenth annual dinner presenting the new wines of the Lake Erie appellation will be at the Avalon Hotel in Erie on December 3. The wine tasting starts at 6:30 p.m. with dinner at 7 p.m. (four courses). The cost is $27 each. Reservations are due by Friday, November 22. For more details and/or reservations call 1-800-600-WINE.
## Chardonnay

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<td>Bicentennial Celebration Special</td>
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<td>Light and flinty-toasty.</td>
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<td>1989</td>
<td>Library Reserve</td>
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<td>Balanced, refreshing, light</td>
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<td>Fruity, well-balanced, light oak.</td>
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<td>Reserve - Elegant balance</td>
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<td>Light &amp; Flinty - Hint of Oak.</td>
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<td>1993</td>
<td>Reserve - Firm, round, complex, long finish.</td>
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<td>1993</td>
<td>Select Reserve – Limited</td>
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<td>regal, harmonious balance unfiltered.</td>
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<td>1993</td>
<td>Pinot Chardonnay Reserve - A</td>
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<td>Markko Speciality, a 13.5% Pinot Gris - Unfiltered. &quot;Anchorage&quot;</td>
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## Pinot Noir

### (Limit of 6 bottles)

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<td>Good nose, medium body. Soft</td>
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<td>1993</td>
<td>Reserve . . . Fine nose, full body. Unfiltered</td>
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## Covered Bridge

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<td>Cabernet Sauvignon</td>
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## Nice-to-Have

- Wine Glasses, with Markko logo, 8 or 12 oz., 24% leaded crystal: 4.00 40.00
- T-Shirts L or XL: 14.00
- Sanbri two-pronged cork pullers: 4.60
- Poster - Free with case: 3.00

Case discount 10%
Tastings – 50¢ per wine
(Free tastings with case purchase)
Appointments recommended

Cash, Check, Visa & MasterCard accepted

11/96
LIBRARY RESERVE - New Label

The last 20 cases of 1989 Chardonnay Lot 901 carry a Library Reserve label this year. With seven years in the bottle it shows how a typical Lake Erie vintage can mature and develop. After some olives in the bouquet, it tastes refreshing, light, balances with fruit and a good finish. Not overly complex, use it for fun tastings, meals or gifts. Priced at $15/btl or $13.50 in a case - a treat for the Holidays.

As you probably guessed a wine library is a collection of bottles used to reference each vintage and variety and even each wine lot. And enough wine needs to be kept from each of these categories so that they can be sampled many times over the years. (This library browsing is a tough job but . . .) Parts of some lots (the good ones) are also held back for release when the wines have fully matured and are at their peak. Mysteriously these wines come together, develop bouquet, and show the balance of flavor, taste and finish in a way only wines do well.

MARKKO CUP '96

Lake Erie challenged all boats and crews with high winds and seas. All of Friday before the race, and Saturday morning the Lake was rough. Start was postponed two hours as weather improved. Still 20 of the 33 entries finished the course in a little over five hours. Thanks to Chuck Koski and Karen Maki for having dinner waiting. AYC has its own label Full Sail Chardonnay.

PLACE

1. Overall & A - Lowefin Clint
2. 2nd A - Epiphysis Brodsky
3. 3rd A - Tenspot Perden

BOAT

1. 1st B - Red Dog Benson
2. 2nd B - Obsession Marorano
3. 3rd B - Pony Express Koch

SKIPPER

1. 1st C - Vagabond Kipp
2. 2nd C - Pinafore Anderson
3. 1st JAM - Silmaril Canfield
4. 2nd JAM - North Star Hugdell
5. 3rd JAM - Tachyon Canfield

THANK YOU

To those of you who wrote with comments on your wine, thank you. Your enjoyment and analysis of what you taste helps to confirm and guide this Winegrowing business. Feedback helps the mission of discovering the essence of the Lake Erie appellation in each variety and year. Also your support as customers makes it possible to continue over the years. Thank you again for coming, for sharing your wine and your enthusiasm.

Holiday Suggestions

I. Classic . . . The traditional Markko '92 Bicentennial Chardonnay $20.00 '92 Cabernet Sauvignon

II. Reserve . . . The sensational vintages '93 Chardonnay Reserve $36.00 '93 Cabernet Reserve

III. Library . . .
1989 Chardonnay LR $38.00 1989 Cabernet LR

IV. Vertical . . . A classic Chardonnay tasting '93 Chardonnay Reserve $59.00 '92 Chardonnay
'91 Chardonnay Reserve
'90 Chardonnay

V. Variety . . . this is the spice of life '93 Chardonnay Reserve $68.00 '92 Chardonnay
'94 Johannisberg Riesling Reserve
'93 Cabernet Reserve

VI. Seduction . . . The best of Lake Erie '92 Chardonnay $99.00 '93 Chardonnay Reserve
'94 Johannisberg Riesling Reserve
'92 Cabernet
'93 Pinot Noir Reserve

VII. Elation . . . After you've enjoyed the first bottle, there's still one on reserve. Two each of the sextet selections and a case price savings. $196.00

ORDER NOW

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WINE ORDER

NAME __________________________
STREET __________________________
CITY __________ STATE _____ ZIP __________
Tel. (_______ ) ___________________________________________

QTY. WINE PRICE TOTAL

(Ohio residents 6% tax) __________
$8.50 per case UPS __________
$4.50 gift pack __________
TOTAL __________

SHIP TO: (If different from address above)
NAME __________________________
STREET __________________________
CITY __________ STATE __________
TEL. __________ ZIP __________

SHIPPING INSTRUCTIONS: __________________________

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_____ Check enclosed _____ Visa _____ MC
Cardholder's Number __________________________
Cardholder’s Signature __________________________
Expiration date __________________________

Thank you for your order.