

# Getting Around

By ETHEL SIMMONS

If you're not familiar with Michigan wines, it may be because only recently have fine quality dinner wines become available.

Speaking for the Michigan Wine Institute, Betty Young said, "At \$2.99 to \$3.50 a bottle, these are super terrific wines."

Michigan Week begins Saturday and runs through May 22. This would be an especially appropriate time to try Michigan wines, ordering them with your meal in a restaurant (still a bargain, though the cost generally doubles for restaurant service).

The only catch is, Michigan wines have not been heavily promoted, and few restaurants feature them on the wine list. Ms. Young suggests you ask your favorite restaurant to provide Michigan wines.

THERE ARE a few exceptions. "Greenfield Village features only Michigan wines in the dining room," Ms. Young said. "And the Dearborn Inn features only American wines, including Michigan wines."

Other restaurants that offer Michigan wines include the top-rated London Chop House and Joe Meier's, both in Detroit; Rotonda Inn in Farmington Hills; the Golden Lion in Grosse Pointe; the Detroit Yacht Club and Detroit Boat Club; and J.L. Hudson's stores' dining rooms where liquor is served (as well as in their wine shops).

Ms. Young started out as a home economist and has been acquiring knowledge of

wines along with her banker husband, who enjoys wines as a hobby. In the last year or so, she has especially been learning about Michigan wines, helping to promote the industry for the Michigan Wine Institute.

She has visited Michigan vineyards—and you can, too, for tours are open to the public seven days a week. There are seven annually in the fall during harvest week.

Ms. Young talked about Michigan wines over lunch and a bottle of Warner's Seyval Blanc, last week at Macchia Sfy Fien in Birmingham. She brought the wine especially for the lunch because Michigan wines are not yet on the wine list at the Sfy Fien.

SHE POINTED OUT that just the previous week, the Michigan Wine Institute hosted a dinner at the restaurant for 17 representatives of the Michigan Restaurant Association in a five-county area, to encourage them to serve Michigan wines.

"Michigan champagne and sherry have been on the list for many years," she said. "There have been ones of high caliber for a long time."

Four wineries produce red table wines, so there can be a choice, she said. Michigan wines are distributed not only in this state but some throughout five states including Ohio, Indiana, Wisconsin and Illinois. Some are even being introduced in North Carolina.

President Ford has served Michigan wine in the White House. Michigan's Governor Milliken has expressed a desire to

## Michigan wines now fine quality

have a personal wine cellar of Michigan wines.

Ms. Young suggests, if you wish to build a Michigan wine cellar, to include champagne, white wine, rose wine, red wine and dessert wine.

SOME CHOICES might be dinner wines from Bronie and Warner. She said Warner has five wines and is about to have its Bronie's Baco Noir is the first French-American hybrid developed in Michigan; the classic dry red wine with fresh bouquet sells for \$2.29 a bottle.

"The Warner we had today is dry, crisp white wine and the red from Bronie can go with everything," she said.

Other Michigan wines for a cellar could be cherry wine made from Michigan cherries by Fern Valley, a brand-new vineyard; Lakeside's sangria, a wine punch flavored with citrus fruits, to serve before dinner; Frontenac's Chateau d'Almond, which has a distinctive bouquet and taste of almond. "It's fun to add to Chinese cooking. Add it at the end of preparation," she said.

St. Julian's May wine, flavored with the ancient herb woodruff, is nice to serve at brunches, in the afternoon or as a dessert wine.

Three companies make champagne: Bronie, Warner and St. Julian.

"Any wine corked may be kept for periods of time in a cellar," Ms. Young said. "Any not corked can be consumed right away while the wine is young."

## Barber shoppers plan show



THE GENTLEMEN'S AGREEMENT

Metropolitan area chapters of the Barber Shop Quartet Society will stage a show May 21 at the Warren Fitzgerald High School.

This is an international "read-off" show, to raise money to send a representative chorus and representative quartets from Pioneer District (Michigan) to the 1976 International Convention and Contest in San Francisco on July 18.

Featured will be the Wayne Wonderland Chorus, 1976 Pioneer District Chorus and the Detroit No. 1 Chapter Motor City Chorus, 1975 District Chorus and 1974 District Representative Chorus, to International.

Three top district quartets will represent Pioneer District at the International: the Northern H-Likes from the Wayne, Oakland County and Grosse Pointe chapters, the Vagabonds from the Lansing and Oakland County chapters (which won on fifth place in international contest in 1975), and the Class-Mates, from the Saginaw Bay Chapter.

Especially featured will be the Gentlemen's Agreement, from the Detroit, Monroe, Toledo and the Saginaw Bay chapters—1971 International Quartet Champions—and a massed chorus of 20-plus voices from the combined choruses of the Oakland County, Grosse Pointe, Detroit, Wayne, Monroe, Pontiac, Milford and Windsor (Ont.) chapters. Comedy will be provided by the Warren G. Harding Memorial Four.

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