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While it is possible to confuse or overwhelm by comparing too many at a

New role for Martha Smith

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Ms. Smith, who is now 'Mrs. Noel Blanc and lives in Beverly Hills, Calif., grew up in Farmington and was a 1970 grew up in Farmington and was a 1970 grew up in Farmington High State from North Farmington High State from North Farmington High State from Horse to the California of the Califor



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time, a tasting comparison of six to 10 wines in an evening can do a great deal in one's wine instruction. The obvious route is, of course, to compare wines that are more alike than they are different, forcing concentration on the subtle differences that make wine tasting such a heady experience. From time to time this column will report the results of locally held events under the auspices of the Winetasters. Reports will come when tasting results are wholly unexpected or of high general interest. A recent comparative tasting featured five 1974 California Cabernet Sauvignons and five 1975 Bordeaux. Both vintages are generally conceded to be the best of this decade. Not since 1970 in Bordeaux nor 1986 in California had the Cabernet produced wines of such general excellence, so the general feeling goes.

It seemed, then, reasonable to compare several of cach mong a group of competent wine drinkers, asking them to evaluate each before there was any indication of what was being sampled.

Results of 1975 Bordeaux-1974 Cabernet Sauvignon Tasting June 24, 1979 Name
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Burgess Cellars, Napa
Chateau Cas Estournel, St. Estournel, S

These results were really quite startling. What had been expected to be very close competition turned out to be extremely one-sided in favor of the California releases. Further, the two winners (results are based on the 20 pt. U-C Davies evaluation scale, to be discussed in a later article) remarkably exceed the other.

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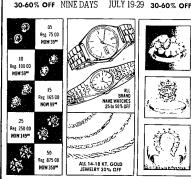
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