

wine

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California releases meet all expectations

Judging from the response received for addresses to obtain copies of free winery newsletters (March 27 issue), there seems to be strong interest in following the wine scene.

So here's another recommendation — one that is, alas, not free, but well worth the minimum investment for those who are serious about their wine consumption.

It's the "Wine Spectator," published every other week as a wine newspaper, for \$25 a year. Write for particulars to 4017 Brant Street, San Diego, Calif. 92103. An excellent resident staff and outsiders keep us abreast of wine releases and developments.

The classified section toward the back of each issue carries names of other trade publications and subscription newsletters available as well as ads for regional and national wine outlets. There are many publications, both promotional and analytical, designed to keep you contemporary. (A few local merchants have copies of the "Wine Spectator" available if you wish to go that route.)

AND WHILE endorsements are flowing, here are a couple of others. Two exceptional new wines, both initial releases, came out of California this late spring.

The first is a much acclaimed Jordan Winery 1976 Cabernet Sauvignon. So much mystique and ballyhoo have not been previously generated for a wine ahead of its release, but it lives up to all expectations.

A VERY elegant wine, containing many layers of taste sensation, this is a truly classy bottle. Don't look for a tannic monster here. This is ready to drink now, though some aging will en-

hance it. Some 30,000 cases were made and it is now available here in limited supply.

The other release of true excellence comes amid no fanfare and unfortunately you'll need to go to California to get it. It's from a small mountain winery in southern Napa, Quail Ridge, a 1978 Chardonnay. There are two "lots."

The lot one is a buttery, vanilla, subtly rich yet beautiful balanced thing. This is a wine of grace, not mouth. Have your California friends find you a bottle or two if they can. A beautiful wine.

The lot two is, according to reviews, a fuller, even more complex wine. I'm still trying to get a bottle of that myself.

AND TWO new editions of wine book classics from Signet are in 1980 editions. "The New Signet Book of Wine," by Alexis Bespaloff, and "The Signet Book of American Wine," by Peter Guimmo. Both have substantial new material, are well written and contain generous amounts of information in concise formats.

Either seems an excellent introduction to its field and has information for the more advanced student as well. At \$2.25 and \$2.50 respectively, you'll get enough change from a dollar bill to buy a good bottle to drink as you read.

To be purchased only with great caution is the product of another winery new to Michigan. That is Lawrence, which is a group of generics and varieties now on our shelves, made in the San Luis Obispo area. For the most part the varietals are simplistic, sweet and a bit overpriced. Buy with restraint. The generics are a fair value.

Bedding deserves special attention

When you are physically tired from a busy day, nothing provides more satisfaction than a comfortable bed with fresh, smooth sheets and pillowcases.

A bed should be made up attractively as well as comfortably. It is possible to have a pleasant color harmony in the furnishings of a bed. The colors can be related to other colors in the room, or to personal taste.



design
Gloria Cohen

Towels may also blend into the color scheme of the rooms where they are used. Since bedding and towels receive more wear than other textiles in the home, it is important to select them with great care.

While there is great variety in the design of bedding and towels, there is also a wide range of quality. Price and quality are closely related in the matter of linen and towels. You can expect to receive better quality and longer wear from the higher priced merchandise.

COTTON BECAME more popular than linen for bedding because of its practical qualities. Cotton costs less and does not wrinkle as much. There are so many designs and colors to choose from it is almost like shopping for wallpaper when you go to the bedding department.

You will find stripes in various colors, flowers, geometrics and other bold patterns. Some, I believe, could cause nightmares (or at least insomnia).

There are patterns which imply you are sleeping in a zoo and cause you to awaken to the face of a monkey or other species. You will find every color combination under the sun, ranging from soft pink, yellow and blue, to dark brown, black and navy. To each his own dream, however you do want to read

labels so that you can estimate quality and durability.

HIGH-QUALITY MUSLIN sheets cost less than percale and are longer wearing, but they are less smooth. Nylon sheets can be washed and dried quickly, but some people do not care for the slippery surface. The same applies to satin. Couples have been known to drift apart on the slick surface of satin.

The finish of permanent no-iron resin makes a sheet easier to care for, but it may also mean that the cloth won't wear as well for it has a lower thread count. The weight, the thread count and the amount of sizing used determine a good sheet. It should be light in weight, closely woven of the fine yarns and have a minimum amount of sizing. The same applies to pillow cases.

A mattress cover will protect your mattress, add to its life and keep it clean.

Bed covers and blankets vary in weight, material, color and pattern. The heavy ones are not necessarily the warmest. Lightweight ones are easier to care for and are insulated against cold air. You want sufficient circulation of air, and some fibers offer more insulation than others.

A good wool blanket is soft and resilient and lighter weight than a cotton blanket of the same thickness. Cotton is desirable for summer use.

color as either the walls or the floor, they are less noticeable than when they contrast sharply with the colors of these areas.

If there is a large area of pattern, the bedspread should be plain or have only a textural pattern. If the walls and floor covering are plain, a patterned spread may add the right decor to the room. The pattern can be as large as you like, providing there is no other pattern in the room.

BEDSPREADS SHOULD be large enough to extend to the floor and long enough to cover the pillows adequately, unless you use a sham.

These are the small furnishings you can enjoy to spruce up a room and give it a lift, somewhat inexpensively. They are definitely "take with" furnishings if and when you decide to move, therefore a good long-term investment. Buy the best you can afford.

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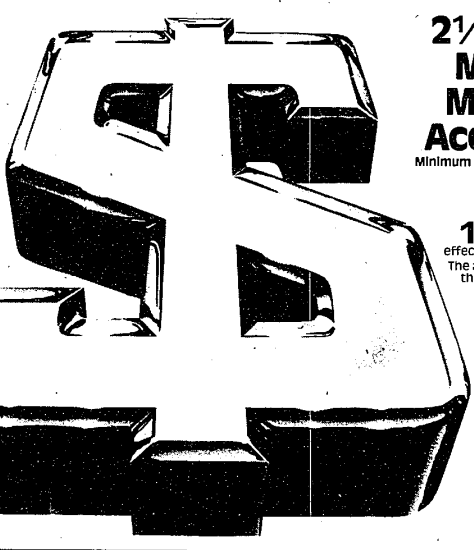
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