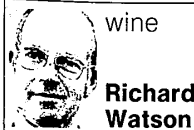


'Parent Support' begins here July 27



wine

Richard Watson

Scorn not jug wines for everyday sipping

There is an esteemed wine critic who has said he would rather drink but a 5-ounce glass of fine wine in a week than an unlimited amount of ordinary wine over the same time span.

He's certainly free to hold such an opinion, but he must be considered a true snob.

I take for my model the man who first said, "A day without wine is like a day without sunshine."

After all, wine is a beverage; something to be drunk and not worshipped. And imagine only one buzz a week. Might almost as well be a teetotaler.

So that we may drink wine every day, everyday wine was created. Most of it comes in large and small jugs, although there is plenty of wine of jug quality and lower than comes in fancy bottles — but that's another story.

Since a lot of people agree with the 'sunshine' doctrine rather than the glass-a-day principle, it seems appropriate to discuss the best of the jugs currently available on our shelves. These impressions represent a kind of informal consensus of several local wine specialists who are also imbibers.

THE STAPLE RED over the past several months has been the Fetzer premium red. Loaded with zinfandel and cabernnet, it is a big, supple thing. It contains enough tannin to keep it interesting and tough. Its counterpart, premium white, has not generally been so well received.

These could readily be replaced by the current trio of "classic" wines from the Monterey vineyard. The white is a blend of pinot blanc, colombard, chenin blanc and chardonnay; which is unquestionably the best white jug wine I've ever had.

The rose is essentially grenache, clean and crisp, and the red is a massive and complex blend of zinfandel and cabernet sauvignon of excellent quality. This is a great group — a bit more costly than most jugs, but well worth it.

Also a bit expensive (\$8 a 1.5 liter bottle) are the two issues by Almaden's prestige label, Charles Lefranc. The maison blanc is 100 percent pinot blanc and the maison rouge is 100 percent pinot noir. The present vintages on out shelves, a 1979 and 1978, are not as good as their predecessors, but worthy wines — straight and containing varietal character.

Almaden's Monterey chablis and Monterey burgundy, at a couple dollars less, are also good value. But most agree the 1979 chardonnay and 1978 cabernet are to be avoided.

THE CHIEF PROBLEM with most white jug wines, coming from the heart of the central valley, is the sugar levels they attain. Two recent issues that have avoided this are the Chateau Sonoma white and the Cresta Bella chablis blanc. Neither is exceptional, but both are decent values.

Since the mid-1970s, Sebastiani has been putting varietals in big and small jugs. Most dependable of those to date is the cabernet sauvignon and the French color-bard. Both are dependable and very drinkable.

And then there is the highly stable and most fairly priced grouping from Souverain, offering excellent burgundy, zinfandel, rose of pinot noir and chablis. You can buy any of these with confidence.

Oakland County Cooperative Extension Service announces the formation of "Parent Support."

"Parent Support," is an ongoing group organized to meet the need for

continuing growth and support in implementing the skills and techniques of effective communication and parenting.

It is an extension of the successful

Ms. Baranyai assists with college orientation

Orientation sessions for new students are under way at Saginaw Valley State College (SVSC). Programs include basic skills testing, campus tours, fall semester registration and a variety of activities to inform students about college resources and services.

Currently enrolled SVSC students are serving as orientation group leaders to assist professional SVSC staff members with activities. They will share experiences with newcomers and help with tours and registration.

One of the student group leaders is Margaret Baranyai of Farmington. Daughter of Stephen and Nancy Baranyai, she is a senior majoring in sociology. Margaret has served on SVSC's student program board and several college committees. Her campus memberships include marching band, cheerleading squad and Alpha Sigma Alpha sorority.

Two additional orientation sessions are set for Monday and Tuesday, July 13-14, and Tuesday and Wednesday, Aug. 11-12. Each program begins with

check-in at 7:30 a.m. the first day and concludes by 4 p.m. the following day. For information about events, contact SVSC orientation coordinator Maryanne Lustig at 790-4260.



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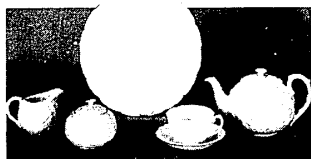
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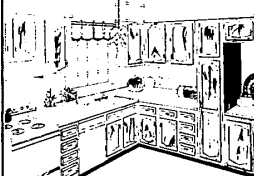
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"Parent Support" will meet monthly throughout the year, and utilize guest speakers, films, and tapes. Following the presentation, parents will break into smaller discussion groups for interaction and support.

Parents are free to attend as many of the programs throughout the year as they desire, according to their individual need.

Following the summer program a

two month series will begin in September.

Topics will include self-esteem, communications, value conflicts, disciplining, sex education, as well as other topics Oakland County families may suggest.

Parent Support for those in this area will meet on the last Monday of every month at 7:30 p.m. in Church of Our Savior, 6655 Middlebelt Road, south of Maple, West Bloomfield. The first meeting will be Monday, July 27.

Inquiries will be taken by Mary Schroeder, 858-0895, at Oakland County Cooperative Extension Service.

Comics made, not, born

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easy and helped him work his way through school at the University of Miami. Appearances at Miami Beach hotels and clubs made his formal education possible.

Learning the "comedy craft" came in clubs all over the country. "But I started at the Metropole Cafe in Detroit more than 20 years ago and played the Elmwood Casino with the McGuire Sisters," he recalls.

Today, he lives in Los Angeles, and is married to the former Maryruth Poulos, who just completed her first book "The Best of Ethnic Home Cooking."

"Now that she's been on a national book tour, she found out what I already knew about sunken mattresses, late

wake-up calls and cars that don't show up on time."

WHILE MRS. WILDE toured the usual many cities in few days, Wilde says he found it fun to be the one at home.

"I still do one-nighters around Los Angeles and California but I don't travel like I used to," he says. "These days I'm doing three books a year."

Ask him who the real Larry Wilde is, the comic or the author and Wilde replies:

"When I worked clubs solely I was working on my material every day, but now I meet people all the time who say, 'I have your books.' Show business is a fleeting way to fame. Movie stars and TV actors are around for such a short time."

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