



wine

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Frequently ignored, and sometimes maligned, among the premium appellations of Bordeaux is the region of Graves.

This is unfortunate, for several masterful wines are made there, many of them costing less than their counterparts from the most prestigious neighbors to the north: Margaux, St. Estephe, Pauillac, St. Emilion and Pomerol.

Both reds and white are made in the region, the former generally being the more successful. The exceptions to this are found in the far south of Graves where the luscious sweet wines from Sauternes and Barsac are grown. But those are a separate issue for now.

The word Graves (pronounced with a "short" "a") means "gravel" in French, and the pebbly, hard soil of the region contributes much to the earthy, bodily nature of the reds and the tart crispness of the recent whites made there.

THE WINES come from soil not unlike that found in the Medoc and Livermore but have a more elemental character to them, robust and deep at best. Finesse is not a word usually associated with Graves wine.

The flagship chateau of the region is Haut Brion, one of the five First Growths of Bordeaux and the one farthest removed from all the others (three in Pauillac, one in Margaux) by more than 20 kilometers. Great as Haut Brion is, there are no financial breaks attendant to its purchase.

These wines, along with those of its neighbor La Mission Haut Brion, are too well known, and deservedly so, to require preferential marketing. These two are among the greatest wines of the world, and one can expect to pay for them accordingly.

Of the lesser-known Graves wines, however, there are some exceptional values to be had, most of them because they do not carry the more exotic appellation names.

While these wines are not inexpensive, they do, on the whole, represent good value. There can be no better illustration of this than Chateau Pape-Clement, a red Bordeaux of deep,

earthy character, full of muscle and complexity. Named for its owner, Pope Clement V, the vineyards were producing in the early 1300s.

EVEN OLDER is Chateau Carbonnieux, producer of clean, steely dry whites (Sauvignon Blanc) and straightforward reds. Not as old, but clearly superior in both red and white production, is Domaine de Chevalier. Its reds are softened by the addition of large amounts of Merlot, thus encouraging earlier consumption.

This is generally a wine of elegant breeding, more than one usually associates with Graves reds. It is not readily found in our market area.

Generally considered to produce the best wine from the region is Chateau Paville Haut-Brion, whose modest production is a blend of Sauvignon Blanc and Semillon. The latter's judicious use is responsible for the richness and distinction it attains, and only oak fermentation is used.

These wines require some aging to develop complexity, unlike most white Bordeaux. Worth seeking out whenever one shops.

Chateau Haut Bailly is distinguished for its red wine only as is Chateau de Fieuzal. The former makes no white that I know of, and the latter shouldn't.

CHATEAU BOUSCANT, a winery with American connections during the 1970s, has undergone a rapid improvement program and deserves consideration here as well.

A region of historic renown until the last few decades, Graves has fallen on hard times. Its efforts to rebuild itself consist, most dramatically, in improving its white wines. These wines had, by the middle of this century, evolved into the fat, simple wines that Semillon will produce if it is not treated well.

Now the tendency is increasing toward vinifying the dry whites to be dry and letting those in Barsac and Sauternes be the sweet, lush wines they can be. A marketing strategy involves competitive pricing to again gain the world's attention.



Ronnie McDowell is another of the attractions.

Picnic goes country

"Picnic in the Country" starring Ronnie McDowell, Gail Davies and Kieran Kane, three young country music entertainers, will be presented 4-10 p.m. June 19 on the grounds of the Meadow Brook Music Festival at Oakland University near Rochester.

Gates will open at 2 p.m. for the concert presented by WWWV-FM 106. General admission tickets at \$8 are on sale at Hudson's and all CTC outlets.

Children under 12 will be admitted at half price, \$4, on show date only. Call 577-2010 to order tickets with charge cards.

Proceeds will benefit the Oakland University Athletic Scholarship Fund. Also featured at the concert will be Sneaky Peat, Shot Gun Willie and Kansas City Southern, Detroit-area country entertainers.

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Gail Davies will appear at the country concert.

St. George's slates Ya'ssoo IX festival

The Ya'ssoo IX Greek Festival will be held June 18-20 at St. George Greek Orthodox Church, one-half-mile north of Square Lake Road on the east side of Woodward in Bloomfield Hills.

Hours will be 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. June 18; 11 a.m. to midnight June 19; and 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. June 20. Admission is \$1.50 before 5 p.m., \$2 after 5 p.m. Senior citizens are \$1 before 5 p.m. Children under 16, with parent, are admitted free.

In celebration of the arrival of summer, pa-

rishioners of St. George have been busy preparing many Greek dishes for the festival.

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