



Sherman Mitchell is on trombone, with the J.C. Heard Quartet.

## Jazz stars perform

There's something for everyone at the Montreux-Detroit Kool Jazz Festival, which runs through Monday. For fans who like to tap their toes to the big-band sound, or get out on the dance floor while the music plays, the J.C. Heard Orchestra is featured from 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. Saturday at the Book Cadillac Hotel. The orchestra will appear with special guests Jukka Linkola Octet with Opus 8. The J.C. Heard Trio along with Clark Terry, will perform at 7 and 9:30 p.m. Friday at the Detroit Institute of Arts Recital Hall. The Montreux Festival, which opened Wednesday, offers a Tribute to Count Basie with the Count Basie Orchestra at 9 tonight at Ford Auditorium.



J.C. Heard plays the drums, during a recent concert on the summer jazz series at the Bloomfield Township Public Library.

photos by JERRY ZOLINSKY

## Wine judge faces many temptations

"When some gustatory duty is to be done. To be done. A judge's lot is not a happy one. Happy one."

With due respect to the noble adversaries of the "Pirates of Penzance," it is indeed tough to be an evaluator of others' efforts, whether in the form of piracy or winemaking. Consider:

• A wine judge must begin at 9 a.m., with the prospect of continuous drinking over six-eight hours.

• He faces 50-70 wines in a stretch, making decisions about each.

• A judge must reconcile his judgments with other judges to arrive at some kind of consensus. These differences can get turbulent at times.

• He must not make ugly faces when the wine is bad. That's considered bad form, a sign of moral weakness.

• Above all, a judge should not get smashed. The temptations is there as the day drags on for some, but again, good form must hold.

ARMED WITH all these admonitions and anticipations, I recently (Aug. 23) again joined a group of 19 others at the Michigan State Fair to assault the 107 entries that Michigan winemakers consider worthy of peer competition.

The group included national dignitaries such as Leon Adams, Craig Goldwyn and Ruth Ellen Church and local talent like Jeremy Iggers, Dick Sheer, Torild Nielsen, Bill George and Ray and Eleanor Heald, all under the scrutiny of Chief Stan Howell.

The good news is that 1983 saw the awarding of 10 gold medals, up considerably from the two issued in 1982. This was, in fact, a record.

That means that the industry is holding its own, at least. The chardonnays were again all rejected (no awards), but the Rieslings fared well, as did the Vignole entries. The reds continue to fare poorly, only Foch showing some competitive quality.

The 1983 winner? Easy, Chateau Grand Traverse captured four of the 10 golds. And this from a winery often rumored to be going out of business, a troubled enterprise over the years.

The 1983 loser? Easy, Tabor Hill, often a winner, this year barely showed in the lesser medal categories.



wine  
**Richard Watson**

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Grand Traverse Awards were for their 1981 and 1982 Late Harvest Rieslings, their 1982 Botrytised Berry Special Selection (whew!) Riesling and their 1981 Ice Wine. (Suspicion is very strong that the panel this year had a remarkable preference for sweet wines.)

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