## Sonoma takes its turn, with fun-filled auction

More than a year ago I reported my observations of the 1987 Napa Valley wine auction in California, a highly pollashed, organized, civilized and sometimes gility event.

Just the kind of thing one would expect from this enclave of prestige and wines.

The Napa auction is more than an auction. It is a series of intimate parties and showplees hosted by individual wineries to display their largesse and allure.

The auction fuself, the culminating event, can at times seem anti-cilmactic to the events spread out over four carnival-like days and nights.

This year it is Sonoma's turn to be reported, and a most different kind of event it is. Instead of a four-day bash of events, parties and dinners, lectures, outings and luncheons scattered out over the valley, the Sonoma event has a more homogeneous flavor.

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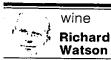
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formed and participants are made warre of being part of an extended family operation of a control of the control of grain, meat, poultry, seafood and dairy productions. The new Problitionist movement is an irritant in Sonoma, in Napa a nightmare.

Nearly \$300,000 was raised for the Sonoma County Wine Library and the Santa Rosa Memorial Hospital from the auction feet paid by people from around the nation. Top bidder for the whole event was a gentleman from the suction feet paid by people from sun Valley. The event and his paddle cost him \$14,300. The top single bid was \$4,200 for a poolside bardle of the control of the cont

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A Santa Fe resident bid \$8,700 for a barrel of Iron Horse 1987 pinot noir. Let's see, at six ounces per serving that is . . As they say, "Don't think that way. This is for Sonomai"

Those interested in attending next Those interested in attending next year's event, a truly fine show, should contact Linda Johnson, Sonoma County Winegrowers Association, 50 Mark West Springs Road, Santa Rosa 95403. Telephone 707-527-7701. The dates, Aug. 10-13, are sure to sell out well in advance.

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modate it.

Sonoma now has a showpiece operation that will soon rival and perhaps surpass neighbors Jordan and
Domaine Michael for opulence in the

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just-opened Ferrari-Carano property on Dry Creek Road.

Top of the line technically, it will shortly boast an entertainment center, cultarry delights abounding and beautifully maintained grounds and vineyards around its huge but tastend where youlding. And the chardonnays they have so far produced are among the finest to come from Sonoma. A family operation, its scope is phenomenal, and open for visitors.

OF AN ENTIRELY different scope are two other family opera-tions: Richard Arrowood's (of Cha-teau St. Jean) wherey in the upper valley and the Mellm Vineyards on teau st. Jean) winery in the upper valley and the Mellm Vineyards on Chalk Hills Road are now releasing wines, the former demonstrating conclusively that he can still make superb chardonnay and cabernet sauvignon on his own as well.

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Fastest-growing winery (exploding) is Chalk Hill, turning into a giant. Just a couple of years ago it was a second label from a small producer.

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New to Napa: Chateau Napa Beaucannon south of St. Helena, a
French-owned and influenced winery of promise; Graeser Winery in
Calistoga, making some promising
cabernet alter a poor first vintage
(its 1985 is to be avoided), and
Domaine Carneros, with a monster
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the Hungarian dishes

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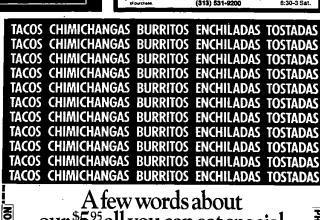
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