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detailed glossary of grapes, maps and regional listings of vineyards.
"American Vineyards," by Barbara Ensrud, Stewart, Tabori & Chang Publishers, New York, \$35, 1988.

THE TIMING'S JUST perfect for "Festive Baking" by Sarah Kelly Iaia. This new author spent much time liv-ing in Germany, Switzerland, Austria. writing and testing a collection of holiday classic recipes. All the cookies. cakes, desserts and breads in the book mark a traditional holiday in the oldworld tradition. Among these are Octo-berfest Lebkuchen Heart, Rothenburg Snowballs and Zurich Painted Wafer (Alte Zuri-Tirggels) which are seldom found in American cookbooks.

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IF YOU'RE LOOKING for some inspiration in menu planning and enter-toining, you'll find it all in Susan Costner's "Good Friends, Great Dinners." Foith Echtermeyer's photo-graphs, which accompany the 32 menus in the book, are absolutely luscious. The book is arranged by season and the recipes were designed to serve six people. The author's creativity and imagination bring together appetizing combinations such as yellow squash soup with basil cream for a Midsummer's Night Menu, accompanied by southern fried green tomatoes, corn pudding and crepinettes (which are pork and sausage meat patties

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