

## WHAT'S COOKING

Send items for Taste calendar at least two weeks in advance of event to Taste Calendar, Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150 or e-mail kabramczyk@oe.homecomm.net. Send files in a text format.

**OAKLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE**  
The Culinary Arts Department at Oakland Community College's Orchard Ridge Campus, 27055 Orchard Lake Road, in Farmington Hills, offers luncheon buffets and gourmet dinners throughout the school year on the third floor of Building J.

The luncheon buffets offer a great selection of salads, fruits, vegetables, meats and fish for \$8.25. Dates of the buffets are Thursdays, Jan. 24, Feb. 7, March 21 and April 4. On Thursday, Dec. 6, diners can enjoy the 14th Annual Wassail Feast, which costs \$55 per person. For information on any of these events, call (248) 522-3700.

**WEIGHT WATCHERS**

Weight Watchers will host healthy holiday entertaining classes in a three-part series. Attendance is open to the public and free of charge, but participants are asked to bring a bag of groceries valued at \$10 to donate to Gleaner's Food Bank. Simple ethnic holiday dishes, 6:30 p.m., Wednesday, Dec. 5; and tricks to making holiday desserts, 6:30 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 13, at Weight Watchers Corporate Headquarters, 28555 Orchard Lake Road (between 13 and 14 Mile roads), Farmington Hills. For information, call (248) 553-8555.

**Wine** from page D1

wasn't happening in our vineyard."

Byron had a great parcel of land, yet with replanting costs of \$30,000 to \$40,000 per acre, Brown could not afford to replant more than one to two acres per year with better clones. Flirtatious overtures came from the Robert Mondavi family, but Brown wasn't ready to sell until one of his two partners had a heart attack and was advised by his physicians to sell all of his businesses.

Buying out this partner would have financially strapped Brown. The Mondavi offer began to make sense. "There is no other winery that I would have sold to," Brown emphasized. "The family is driven by Robert's vision to have a winery in all the great wine regions of the world. Resources that we didn't have, the Mondavis had. We talked for more than a year

to create an arrangement that served both of us well."

Byron became part of the Robert Mondavi Family of Wineries in 1990 and has shared a passion for excellence over the past 10 years. Association created the capital to replant and develop 160 acres of pinot noir, a vineyard size that makes Burgundian producers' heads spin.

Try the following:

■ 1998 Byron Chardonnay, Nielson Vineyard \$32 hails from Santa Barbara County's oldest commercial vineyard planted in 1984. It's brimming with the heady scents and flavors of pear, honey, and golden delicious apples. Accented with spice, it finishes long and silky.

■ 1999 Byron Chardonnay, Sierra Madre Vineyard \$35 is marked by honeysuckle blossom aromas and nutmeg spice atop

an earthiness reminiscent of the finest white Burgundy.

■ 1998 Byron Pinot Noir, Nielson Vineyard \$46 showcases brown spices and leathery nuances over a solid core of pure berry fruit. Opulent flavors last long into the velvety finish.

■ 1998 Byron Monument Hill Pinot Noir \$76 is the debut release culminating seven years of experimentation to pinpoint the ideal clones, rootstocks, and planting densities for this vineyard. Dark cherry aromas and flavors mingle with brown spice notes in an elegantly-structured wine.

The Healds are Troy residents who write about wine, spirits, food, and dining for the Observer & Eccentric! Newspapers. To leave them a voice mail message, dial (734) 953-2047, mailbox 1864#.

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