

# Baffled by Wines? Become an Expert Now

If you find yourself baffled by the wine list the waiter hands you in an elegant restaurant—

If you're at a loss in a party store when you'd like to pick out a really good wine to go with that extra-special dinner you're serving—

If you just have trouble with wine bottle corks that crumble and champagne bot-

tlies that "pop" in a mighty explosion all over the room—

Then you can let yourself in for a most informative and interesting time in a new wine-tasting class being started in Plymouth.

The seven-week course will begin Jan. 10 in the Miles Standish Room of the Mayflower Hotel, with classes scheduled Tuesday, Wednes-

day or Thursday evenings from 8 to 10:30 p.m.

Applicants may pick any one of the three nights to attend, and classes each of the three nights will be limited to 40 members, six tables of eight wine-tasters.

For a \$35 fee, those who enroll will be led on a fascinating journey—by word, picture, imagination and taste—through the world's famed

wine-lands. Their guide will be Staton Lorenz, a young man who has amassed more knowledge about wine in his 26 years than most can manage in a lifetime.

Lorenz, son of Mayflower Hotel owner Ralph Lorenz, plans to introduce 36 different wines as he carries his class along through the California and New York State wines, the Italian, French and German main wines, sparkling wines and champagnes of the world.

As a finale, he'll let them match their ability against those of the experts in a blind-tasting session, and then each will be awarded an artistically-designed diploma to prove his prowess as a wine connoisseur.

"The first night," said Lorenz, "we'll turn the beginners into laymen as far as wine knowledge is concerned. We'll learn to use equipment—like cork pullers—and some of the rules for storage and serving wine."

Later, added Lorenz, there will be discussions of the various types of wine and the places where they are made. There will be slides picturing the areas shown.

"I'll have visitors to the classes who have lived in the homelands of some of the wines we feature, and other visitors who are experts in their knowledge of many wines," he added.

The course also will include discussions—and tasting of certain wines with certain foods, particularly breads and cheeses and a few fruits. There will be tips on home cooking with wine, complete with tasty samples and recipes.

"One thing we'll learn to prepare is champagne Jello," Lorenz reported.

"Most Americans feel guilty when it comes to wine knowledge," Lorenz said. "They won't experiment in tasting because they don't trust their own palate, and they feel they don't know anything about buying so they stick to one brand they know."

"They're missing so much fun that way, and that's the kind of fun I am trying to put into this course."

He said, incidentally, that most of the wines to be tasted would not be expensive ones. They will

average \$2.25 to \$3 a bottle.

Judges will be named later for the blind-tasting finale, he said. He assured prospective class members that by the time they finish the course they'd be amazed at their ability to compete with experts in the matter of wine recognition.

Bernie McDonough, a

signing the chic diploma

will be awarded. Lorenz, who conducted a similar class in 1965 in connection with the Livonia adult education system, is a graduate of Cornell University, and while getting his degree in hotel management there learned to know the wine growers of New York's finger lake district.

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He managed the Mayflower for a time during his father's illness, and recently severed connections with the hotel to head a firm called "Instant

Romance" that markets a gift-package ice-bucket complete with champagne.

Lorenz said he was starting immediately to take res-

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MASTER WINE-TASTER Staton Lorenz introduces in a new seven-week class open-looks over some of the wines he plans to introduce at the Mayflower Hotel in Plymouth.

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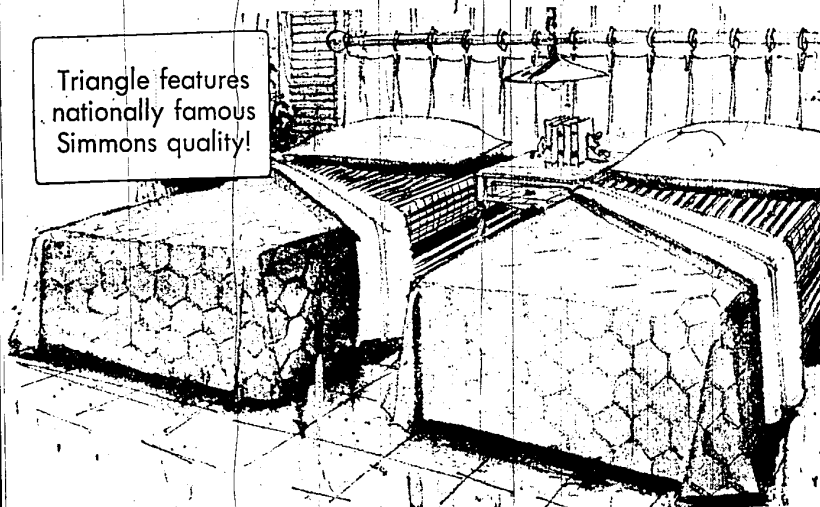
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