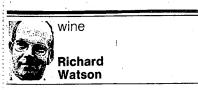
## Don't scorn jug wines for everyday sipping





There is an esteemed wine critic who has said he would rather drink but a single glass of fine whe in a week than have an unlimited amount of ordinary wine over the same time span. He's certainly free to hold such an opinion, but he must be considered a true snob.

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I take for my model the man who first said, "A day without wine is like a day without sunshine."

After all, wine is a beverage; something to be drunk and not worshipped. And imagine, only one buzz a week! Might almost as well be a tectolaler. So that we may drink wine every day seemed.

Might almost as well be a tectotaler. So that we may drink whoe every day, everyday wine was created. Most of it comes in large and small jugs, although there is plenty of wine of jug quality and lower that comes in fancy bottles — but that's another story. Since a lot of people agree with the sunshine' doctrine rather than the glass-a-day principle, it seems appro-

wine specialists who are also imbibers.

THE STAPLE RED over the past several months has been the Fetzer premium red. Loaded with zinfandel and carignane, it is a big, supple thing. It contains enough tannin to keep it interesting and tough. Its counterpart, premium white, has not generally been owell received.

These could readily be replaced by the current trio of "classic" wines from the Monterey vineyard. The white is a blend of pinot blanc, colombard, chenin blanc and chardonnay, which is unquestionably the best white [up wine I've ever had.

The rose is essentially grenache,

ever had.

The rose is essentially grenache, clean and crisp, and the red is a massive and complex blend of zinfandel

and cabernet sauvignon of excellent quality. This is a great group — a bit more costly that most jugs, but well worth it.

Also a bit expensive (§8 a 1.5 litter butle) are the two issues by Almaden's prestige label, Charles Lefrance. The maison blanc is 100 percent pinto blanc and the maison rouge is 100 percent pinto noir. The present vintages on out shelves, a 1979 and 1978, are not as good as their predecessors, but worthy wines — straight and containing varied character.

Almaden's Monterey chablis and Monterey burgundy, at accupite dollars less, are also good value. But most gare the 1979 chardonany and 1978 cabernet are to be avoided.

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THE CHIEF PROBLEM with most white jug wines, coming from the heat of the central valley, is the sugar levels to fly promotion through television, they attain. Two recent issues that







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