

# New labels arrive from Pacific Northwest

A couple of years ago this column announced the pending arrival of many new labels from the Pacific Northwest.

It is time now to take an assessment of those that now adorn the shelves of select wine stores in our area. They are still not an everyday item and must be searched for. Public acceptance here has been slow but is growing, as it is nationally. Oregon wineries first, Washington and Idaho next time.

Probably the premier wine-growing region in the United States for certain varietals, the industry is small but growing steadily. Its cool north region below Portland in the Willamette Valley produces some of the finest pinot noir in the world and some distinctive chardonnays, rieslings and gewurztraminers. Farther south in the Umpqua Valley cabernet and merlot show well along with sauvignon blanc and, further south still, zinfandel.



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**Richard Watson**

There are now 13 winery choices available in Michigan, many of them with only select representation.

**ADAMS VINEYARDS Winery:** Makers of excellent pinot noir and chardonnay, limited quantities.  
**Adelsheim Vineyards:** Very prestigious and respected, David Adelsheim produces excellent pinot noir, chardonnay, riesling, pinot gris (an excellent grape), semillon and a bit of sauvignon blanc.  
**Alpine Vineyards:** Most northerly grower of cabernet, Dan Jensen also makes a decent pinot noir, gewurz-

traminer and riesling from his Corvallis vineyard.

**Amity Vineyards:** Myron Redford, creative and imaginative, makes some of Oregon's finest rieslings, a delicate chardonnay and very acceptable pinot noir and gewurztraminer. He also produces a startling nouveau from pinot noir grapes as well as a couple of proprietary wines.

**Bethel Heights Vineyard:** An excellent 1985 chardonnay has just made its local debut from here, one of Oregon's finest producers. The winery's chenin blanc, gewurztraminer and pinot noir are also notable. Bethel Heights tried a 1985 cabernet and will, blessedly, discontinue those efforts.

**Elk Cove Vineyards:** Makers of three vineyard-designated pinot noirs each vintage, look especially for Campbell's Reserve releases. Nice fruit is developed in the rieslings and chardonnays as well.

**Eyrle Vineyards:** The dean of Oregon winemakers, David Lett produces pinot gris, muscat ottonel (dry and crisp), excellent chardonnays and pinot noirs. He also produces small amounts of pinot meunier, a full and robust white wine too little known in the United States.

**KNUDSEN ERATH Winery:** One of the mini giants of the state, this veteran producer is an industry staple. Its 1983 Vintage Select pinot noir won several prizes nationally and has done more to call attention to the state than any other single wine. Riesling, chardonnay and cabernet are also produced.

**Oak Knoll Winery:** Formerly a producer of chiefly marvelous berry wines, it is now moving into producing standard Northwest varietals. Very dependable.

**Forgeron Vineyard:** Highly respected winery with very limited release here. Main releases are chardonnay, pinot noir, riesling, muller-thurgau and pinot gris, all worth seeking out.

**Ponzi Vineyards:** Produces fleshy riesling, warm and full pinot gris along with world-class chardonnay and pinot noir. The 1982 reserve of the last is still available locally and is a fine representation of Oregon's finest.

**Sokol Blosser Winery:** The other mini-giant, only two of its three pinot noirs are available here, very worth finding.

**Yamhill Valley Vineyards:** Recently arrived here, they have won numerous awards for both pinot noir and chardonnay. Also look for its Elderblossom, made from riesling and elderblossoms, estate grown.

**HOPEFULLY,** the next year or two will see the arrival of other quality wineries: Arterberry, Cameron, Evesham Wood, Henry Estate.

Houston, Pellier, Rex Hill, Shafer, Tualatin, Tye and Veritas.

But a couple of caveats are in order in this enthusiasm. Avoid 1984 pinot noirs or, at least, do not use them as a yardstick for Oregon. It was a poor year but, happily, has been followed by three fine vintages.

And note that there are many wineries that are not in Michigan that I hope will not make it here; every industry has its clunkers. But of those available none should be rejected out of hand. Good luck has been with us. We deserve it.

## clarification

The review of the Ridgepole Players of Troy production of "Godspell" in the Thursday, March 17, issue of the Observer & Eccentric should have said that Bob Hagle played Je-

sus and David P. Muma played Judas. The actors' names were incorrectly reversed. The headline of the story incorrectly identified the group as the Troy Players.



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