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Lillet

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Barsac 1959

Cognac

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Paté de foie gras en gelée

Crème d'avocat supreme

Coquille de fruits de mer Riviera

Tournedos de boeuf a la financière

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Melon surprise au kirsch

Cafe Noir

WINE NOTES

Rudesheimer Berg Platz Riesling - 1960 - Rheingau - Original Abfullung (Winegut Hartmann)

The Rheingau, located on a long steep hill on the north bank of the Rhine, has long been noted for producing the greatest wines of Germany's eleven wine districts. And Rudesheim, clinging precariously to a precipitous rock, or berg, at the western end of this district, produces wines rated with the best, the outstanding characteristics being extraordinary richness, full body, more golden color, and higher alcoholic content. In vintages considered only fair, these wines are often the best on the Rhine. Although the year 1960 was considered mediocre at best, the Rudesheimer Berg Platz vineyard, rated among the top third of its district, maintains its attraction.

Tio Pepe

The most famous, most advertised, also the driest, palest and most delicate of all sherries, this great wine was named after an employee of an ancestor of Manuel Gonzalez in Jerez, Spain. It means the equivalent of "Uncle Joe" in our lexicon. Sherry has no definite age. The wine withdrawn from the solera each year is replenished with the new vintage.

Pouilly-Fume' - 1961

Unlike its Burgundian cousin, Pouilly-Fuisse', this flinty wine from the right bank of the scenic Loire river stems from the Sauvignon grape, the same as on the Gironde in Bordeaux. This grape derivation, as well as a required alcoholic strength of 11%, entitles the wine to the Appellation Controlée Pouilly Fume', or Blanc Fume' de Pouilly.

Chateau Durfort - 1955

This Bordeaux wine is classified as a Deuxieme' Cru of the Commune of Margaux, the best known of Haut - Medoc. To be classified as second to only the big four is a badge of merit in itself, and at an age of eight years this product of a relatively small chateau is beginning to show its proud heritage.

Charmes Chambertin - 1955

Andre' Simon writes that there are as good red burgundies as a good Chambertin but none better. Some parts of this venerable vineyard in this northernmost section of the Cote de Nuits hail from the seventh century. And Charmes-Chambertin is one of the seven Premieres Cuvees entitled to add the proud surname of Chambertin. The vintage of 1955 is proving excellent.

Chateau Roumieu - Haut Barsac Sauternes - 1959

Sauternes is a Commune south of Bordeaux producing great sweet white wines. Barsac, though a separate famous Commune in itself, still has such an affinity to its neighbor that much of its ordinary wine is marketed as Sauternes. These wines come from the Semillon grape, which is allowed to over-ripen until mold sets in. This causes the "noble rot", la pourriture noble, which drains off some moisture content thereby increasing the percentage of grape sugar.

June 11, 1963

Mr. Allian Sperl
Riviera Country Club
1155 Blue Road
Coral Gables, Florida

Dear Mr. Sperl:

On behalf of the Wine and Food Society of Miami, I would like to thank you and your chef for the very fine dinner prepared for the Wine and Food Society dinner on May 28th. There have been many favorable comments from the members of our group as to the food and service.

We hope we will have the pleasure of having another dinner at the Riviera Country Club sometime in the future.

With best regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

LCS:ms

Louis C. Skinner, Jr., M.D.

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June 24, 1963

Dr. Louis C. Skinner, Jr.
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Dear Dr. Skinner:

I want to thank you for your nice letter on behalf of our staff.

It has been a great pleasure and honor to serve you and I look forward to being of service to you again.

Respectfully yours,

E. A. Sperl

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Maitre d'

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