

The International Wine and Food Society

Miami Chapter

Forty-Eighth Dinner

Bath Club - Jeudi Julliet 29, 1971

Les Vins

Aperitif - Moet and Chandon
Dry Imperial
Vin Blanc Cassis

L'Oeuf d'Alose fumé sur croûte

L'Ananas Tropicéau rafraîchi au Kirsch

Le Borscht à la Polonaise aux Piroski

Meursault-Charmes 1966
Joseph Drouhin

Les Paupiettes de Sole Joinville

Ch. Cantemerle 1964

La Canard Rouennaise aux Oranges
Les Croquettes de Mais
Les Petits Pois à la Paysanne

La Salade d'Endive à la Française

Ch. Cantemerle 1959
Ch. Cantemerle 1955

Le Plateau des Fromages assortis

Ch. Suduiraut 1961

Le Soufflé glacé Praliné Chantilly

Les Petits Palmiers

Le Café Noir

Chef de Cuisine: Leon Trompetta

Maitre d': Al Kuckta

Host: F. Sennett Duttonhofer

WINE NOTES

Meursault-Charmes 1966

Meursault is an ancient wine producing village located in the Côte d'Or region of Burgundy. Its name is supposed to derive from the Latin "Muris Saltus" meaning "leap of the mouse" for no apparently valid reason. Most of the wine derives from the Chardonnay grape and the best carries a vineyard name as well as the general appellation Meursault. Charmes is the largest vineyard and consists of 69 acres. The wines are of high quality and distinction, green gold in color, full-bodied and well balanced, fully meriting their world wide fame. The 1966 should be at its peak now having been in bottle three to four years.

Château Cantemerle 1964, 1959, 1955

Cantemerle means "blackbirds song" and the vineyards are located in the commune of Macau near the southern end of the fine wine area of the Médoc on the road to Bordeaux. It is close to Margaux and its wines are similar, but have a fine full softness of their own with perhaps slightly less polish. Formerly most of the wine from Cantemerle was exported to Holland and Belgium, but now it has great popularity in Britain and is regularly listed by the I. E. C. Wine Society in London. Many experts feel that Château Cantemerle wine should be listed higher than its present rank of fifth growth (1855 classification), and it is considered to be of sufficient quality to rate with the second and third. It was one of the most successful wines of the 1955 vintage, likewise in 1959 it again scored a success. These two vintages are now highly regarded among the old ones and both have a true elegance being fully matured at this time. The 1955 wines have almost completely disappeared except on the shelves of collectors, and the 1959 Bordeaux have unfortunately also been almost consumed. It's a pity since they are just about at their peak now, and when I asked the eminent claret expert, Harry Waugh, two years ago what he was doing with his own 59's, he said, "I haven't even opened them yet." The wines we are drinking tonight give us a nice opportunity to compare a relatively young vintage, 1964, from an uneven year along with two excellent years 1959 and 1955 of the same Château. It is likely that this will be the last time most of our group will be able to drink these older, admirably balanced wines of Château Cantemerle.

Château Suduiraut 1961

This is a first classed growth from Preignac in the Sauternes area. The wines are generally rich, full-bodied, and sweet. 1961 was a good year for the white Bordeaux and this Château Suduiraut vintage is quite characteristic.

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