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WINE NOTES

Ernest Hemingway wrote in "Death In The Afternoon," "Wine is one of the most civilized things in the world and one of the natural things of the world that has been brought to the greatest perfection, and it offers a greater range for enjoyment and appreciation than possibly any other purely sensory thing which may be purchased. One can learn about wines and pursue the education all of a lifetime, the palate becoming more educated and capable of appreciation and you having constantly increasing enjoyment and appreciation of wine."

Alec Waugh writing "In Praise of Wine" said that "at the age of twenty, I believed that the first duty of a wine was to be red, the second that it should be burgundy. During forty years I have lost faith in much but not in that." He describes burgundy as "the king of wines."

For many years La Confrérie des Chevaliers du Tastevin have held their wine tastings in November at a time when the new wine "falls bright" and can be tasted and tested for the first time. This group has constituted Jurés-Gourmets among whose members are Alexandre Dumaine of the Côte d'Or in Saulieu, generally considered to be the finest chef in France and a great connoisseur of wine. Each year this jury selects what they consider to be the finest white and red burgundies.

At our dinner this evening the Bourgogne Aligoté 1959 and the Puligny-Montrachet "Les Combettes" 1959 were both selected from the vineyards of Etienne Sauzet by the Chevaliers du Tastevin.

André L. Simon writing in "The Noble Grapes and the Great Wines of France" said "Puligny is the source of the greatest of all white wines of Burgundy." Paul Ghali, Paris correspondent for the Miami Herald, wrote "Lovers of good French Wines rejoice! France's 1959 vintage is expected to rank among the great years in wine annals. Wine experts say that in quality 1959 may surpass the famous 1947 and 1929 years." This opinion has been borne out by the experts, The Wine and Food Society of London and "La Revue du Vin de France", both of whom accord to white and red burgundy of 1959 the highest rankings in their respective compendiums of vintages.

Our Mercurey 1959 this evening is from the Domaine of Jh. Faiveley and was chosen by the Chevaliers du Tastevin as the best red wine of the Côte Chalonnaise.

Socrates' comment at the start of a wine dinner in Athens might have been delivered tonight:

"So far as drinking is concerned, gentlemen, you have my approval. Wine moistens the soul and lulls our grief to sleep while it also wakens kindly feelings. Yet I suspect that men's bodies react like those of growing plants. When a god gives plants too much water to drink they can't stand up straight and the winds flatten them, but when they drink exactly what they require they grow straight and tall and bear abundant fruit, and so it is with us."

STEPHEN A. LYNCH, JR.



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INAUGURAL DINNER MARCH 28, 1962

ESCRITEAU

OYSTERS ROCKEFELLER

Bourgogne Aligoté 1959

Domaine Etienne Sauzet

FILET DE SOLE AU BOURGOGNE ALIGOTÉ

Puligny-Montrachet "Les Combettes" 1959

Domaine Etienne Sauzet

FILET DE BOEUF PÉRIGOURDINE

Mercurey 1959

Sélectionné par les Jurés-Gourmets de la

Confrérie des Chevaliers du Tastevin

Domaine Jh. Faiveley

SALADE LAITUE

PÊCHES FLAMBÉES

Chateau Yquem 1955

PETITS FOURS

ESPRESSO

Cognac Remy Martin V.S.O.P.



Mr. Charles H. Baker, Jr.

Dr. Louis C. Skinner, Jr.



Mr. Stephen A. Lynch, Jr.



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