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Muffie's office
Called Linda
2-11-82
pm

Called David
2-10-82

Muffie

Pick up at
Kantien
today a/c

Wednesday
Feb. 17, 1982
20 guests

LUNCHEON

Prime Minister of Belgium

King Crab Legs en Gelee - 1979 Chardonnay (Trefethen)
Sauce Remoulade
Cheese Twists

Medaillons of Lamb Filet in Rose Wine - 1976 Cabernet Sauvignon
Braised Celery
Artichokes Florentine
(Jordan)

Pineapple Champagne Sorbet
Petits Fours

(toasting wine: 1979 Cremanté
Demi-Sec
(Or W. House)
Schramberg)



*File here
wines*

October 5, 1981

Mr. James Heisle
General Manager
The Williamsburg Lodge and
Conference Center

Dear Mr. Heisle:

The wines for the coming Mitterand dinner are being collected in D.C. at Kronheim in preparation for their delivery "en Total" to the Williamsburg Lodge and Conference Center. A single delivery should eliminate any possible confusion for you and your staff. I expect the wines to be delivered by the White House October 10-12th, providing the wines with a full week to settle.

I apologize if the following handling requests are unnecessary; if so, possibly they will serve as a review list for the required preliminary preparations necessary for the wine service.

The 5 cases of Brut Special Reserve, Domaine Chandon, should be refrigerated the day before or at least the morning of the event if the magnums are removed from the cases. The early refrigeration is to insure a good chill. The size of the magnum bottle, as well as the increased volume of wine (50 oz.), resists temperature changes and, consequently, requires a longer chilling period. The cartons, or cases, also serve as buffers to temperature changes. Therefore, if the shorter period is selected, the magnums must be removed from the shipping cases and exposed to the refrigeration. The well-chilled magnum will make the pouring of the sparkling wine easier for the servers, as the wine will be slightly less active at the lower temperature. The well-chilled magnum will also retain the chill longer as the servers pour to the attending dignitaries.

The 2 cases of Sercial Madiera 1950 should be placed upright immediately upon receipt. They have a light deposit or sediment and will require decanting. The week of standing will cause the sediment to settle to the base of the bottle thereby allowing a proper decanting. The top and neck of the bottles have a hard wax seal which requires a knife to remove. Etch the wax below the bottle lip with the blade of the knife, then crack the wax applying a couple of sharp blows with the knife handle. (Careful! The glass breaks as well.) Using the knife, scrape off the remaining wax from the bottle top and cleanse with a damp cloth.

EPLY TO:

☐ 5810 FOLSOM BOULEVARD
SACRAMENTO, CA 95819

☐ 1755 ARDEN WAY
SACRAMENTO, CA 95815

☐ THE CROSSROADS
5760 FREEPORT BOULEVARD
SACRAMENTO, CA 95822
391-0300

Mr. James Heisle
October 5, 1981
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Pull the cork and decant. I would suggest a careful decanting, utilizing a light source to reveal when the sediment begins to move into the neck, stopping when the sediment approaches the opening. Proper decanting will allow the presentation of a brilliant amber, copper-colored Madiera. The decanting can and should be done the day before, as Madiera likes a bit of airing allowing the wine to "stretch" before service. If a shortage of decanters exists, the Madiera maybe returned to the bottles once the wine is decanted and the bottles are completely rinsed with water. Partially recork the bottles until serving.

The 3 cases of 1970 Cabernet Sauvignon-Bosche, Freemark Abbey en Magnum, should be placed upright immediately upon delivery to Williamsburg. When removing the magnums from the shipping boxes, I would suggest that you swirl the wine slightly up around the neck to insure that any sediment which has collected up around the neck or cork will now settle to the bottom of the bottle. (California wines are frequently packed neck down in an attempt to keep the cork damp, resulting in the sediment settling in the neck and around the cork.) The Cabernet should be decanted one hour before serving. If the availability of magnum decanters is a problem, I have a practical solution. Decant into glass water pitchers which will accomodate the 49-50 oz. of wine and then fill fifth size decanters from the pitchers. Decanters with stoppers will retain the aroma and bouquet, preserving them for the President and his guests. Again, classic decanting procedures with a good light source under and near the upper shoulder of the magnum will reveal the arrival of the sediment in the neck. Very light "forerunners", which precede the bulk of the deposit, can be ignored stopping with the major body of sediment left in the bottle and a brilliant Cabernet Sauvignon in the decanter.

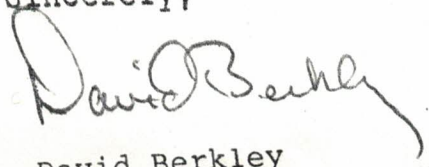
The 2 cases of Chateau d'Yquem should be served chilled, though certainly not ice cold. If the bottles are removed from the cases, three hours or so under refrigeration should prove acceptable.

I understand Cognac and Liqueurs are to be offered after dinner. I will telephone you regarding these.

Should any questions surface, I can be reached, or a message left, at one of the following phone numbers: (916) 451-1595; (916) 391-0300 Ext. 333; or (916) 985-7333.

Thank you for your cooperation. I certainly recognize the difficulties when dealing with older wines in large numbers and appreciate your efforts.

Sincerely,


David Berkley

cc: M. Deaver ✓

LOCATION. _____

MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Shirley

TO: MIKE DEEVER
FROM: SHIRLEY
DATE: SEPTEMBER 25, 1981
RE: YORKTOWN WINES

David Berkeley called this morning to tell you about the wines to Yorktown Bicentennial....

Wines leave September 30th and arrive here October 7th.

They should immediately go to Williamsburg so they can "settle". WILLIAMSBURG LODGE AND CONFERENCE CENTER, James Heisle, Gen. Mgr.

5 cases of Special Reserve Brut (Domaine Chandon)

2 cases 1950 Sercial Madera

3 cases 1970 Freemark Abbey Bosche Cabernet Sauvignon

2 cases GOING DIRECTLY TO WILLIAMSBURG 1970 Chateau d'

If there's any breakage, there is a provision for sending replacements by air.

7/6/81
FYI

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

July 6, 1981

MEMO:

TO: John Ficklin
Rex Scouten

FROM: Muffie Brandon *Muffie Brandon*

Mr Deaver has requested that all wines be served from decanters at Presidential luncheon. I realize that there was not much time today, but would urge in the future that all wines be decanted before serving. This greatly enriches the body of the wines and allows them a moment to "breathe."

Thank you for your attention.

cc. Mike Deaver

X 1974 Bottles Buena Vista Cabernet

(46 bottles delivered Sat - per
Sgt Harvey)

X Kronheim Distributors (Sgt Harvey picked up - I sent over to residence)

Me1 Greenblat 4 cases 1978 Trefethen Chardonnay

X 4 cases 1979 Silkwood Chardonnay - Arrived Monday - sent to residence)
(Sgt Harvey picked up Mon at Natl)

(1980 Muscat Canelli from Chateau St Jean
(Desert Wine)

- to be delivered by Wright
Co fm Balto per Mr. Berkley

Call Al Monti 6080 or 4162
(Ron Jackson's office)

*Shirley said this wasn't to be
used for Mexico.*

X Shromsberg Cremont Champagne
(Shirley knows)

- 8 bottles

Good

Mexican

WINES IN SECTION (1) IN WINE CELLER

LEROUX CREME de CASSIS	----	13
1969 - BERNKASTELER DOKTOR	-----	4
1969 - SCHLOSS JOHANNISBERGER	<u>-----</u>	1
1974 - CHATEAU ST. JEAN	-----	1
Johannisberg Riesling		
1971 - RHEING AU JOHANNISBERGER KLAUS	<u>-----</u>	
1973 - JOHANNISBERGER RIESLING LOUIS M. MARTINI	<u>---</u>	3
SAN MARTIN GRENACHE ROSE-----1		
CHRISTIAN BROTHERS ZINFANDEL -----12		
1978 - ROBERT MONDAVI PINOT NOIR	-----	9
1976 - INGLENOK CABERNET SAUVIGNON	-----	1
1974 - INGLENOK CABERNET SAUVIGNON	-----	1
1977 - ROBERT MONDAVI CABERNET SAUVIGNON	--	6
1974 - BUENA VISTA SONOMA CABERNET SAUVIGNON	-	18
1974 - CHARLES KRUG CABERNET SAUVIGNON	---	6
1973 - CHARLES KRUG CABERNET SAUVIGNON	, ---	1
1976 - LOUIS M. MARTINI CABERNET SAUVIGNON	<u>-</u>	10
1977 - Louis m. martini	pinot Noir	10
1974 - Louis m. martini cabernet sauvignon	---	1
1977 MIRASSOU GAMAY BEAUJOLAIS	-----	9
1977 - BADIA A. COLTIBUONO CHIANTI CLASSICO	---	10
Riserva		
1975 - CHATEAU STE. MICHELLE CABERNET SAUVIGNON	-	1
1968 - BEAULIEU VINEYARD B.V. PRIVATE RESERVE	-	1

WINES IN THE VAULT

1962 - Louis M. Martini Mountain Pinor Noir	--10
1966 - Louis M. Martini Mountain Pinor Noir	--9
1967 - Inglenook Pinot	----- 12
1966 - Convannon V.Y. Petite Sirah	----- 12
1965 - Concannon Cabernet Sauvignon	----- 8
1967 - Bargetto Zinfandel	----- 23
Conti Royale Ruby Cabernet	----- 23
Beringer Barenblut	----- 12
1966 - Charles Krug Gamay	----- 12
1970 - Beringer Cabernet Sauvignon	----- 9

CHARDONNAY

La Crema Vintna - 1981 Napa

Acacia - Yes

William Hill - Very high in oak

Dolan - Not familiar with this

Fisher - Not familiar with this

Quail Ridge - OK

Napa Cellers - 81, No; 80 Yes

Chateau Montelena - 80 better than 81. 81 OK

Jordan - 80 good; 81, better.

Sequoia Grove - Not tasted

Kissler - Very high in 3So2. Edna Valley 81 better

Adolar Fels - No

Grigich Hills - Yes 80 preferred to 81. Some 79 available

Trefethan - Yes

Chalane (Added by D. Berkley)

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MERLOT

Stirling Vineyard OK

St. Francis - OK

Rutherford Hill OK

Clos Du Val OK

Chateau Chivre Don't know

Mill Creek 80 (Added by D. Berkley)

Lakespring OK

Duckhorn (Added by D. Berkley)

CABERNET

Clos Du Val - Yes

Stags Leap - Wine Cellars - 79

Pine Ridge 78

Beaulieu Vineyards - Private Reserve 77 or 78

William Hill - Very high in oak

Jordan 79 - 78 for reserve wine list

Rutherford Hill - 77

Ridge Montebello Yes

Heitz Martha's Vineyard - Yes 79

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Santa Cruz Mountain ?

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81 Dry Creek

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(SAUVIGNON BLANC)

81 Cain

81 Kenwood

81 Glen Ellen

SHOULD ALSO INCLUDE (D. Berkley)

Dry Chenin Blanc

Gamay Boujelois

Gwertztraminier

Zinfandel

NEED JOHANISBERG REISLING (D. Berkley)

81 Jaekel

82 Joseph Phelps

81 Ventana

5-12-83
Call D.B.

LE PAVILION

Shirley
did you
send to
Berkeley?

26 April 1983

Dear Mr. Deaver,

It was a pleasure to see you and Mrs. Deaver
at Mary Peters' birthday.

As we had discussed, I am enclosing a list of
California wines we are considering. Yannick and I
would like to discuss with you any suggestions
you may have. If appropriate, we would like to
bring a few bottles of wine for testing.

I will call your secretary, Miss Moore in
the next few days to establish a convenient time
for lunch at 'the mess'.

Yannick and I look forward to
meeting with you,

Just La Cam

Chardonnay Isleare list
 Most popular
 La Crema Vineyard - 1981 Napa
 Acacia - yes
 Williams Hill - Very high in oak
 Dolan } not familiar
 Fisher }
 Quail Ridge - OK
 Napa Cellars - 81 - no
 80 - yes
 Chateau Montelena - 80 better
 than 81: 81 OK.
 Jordan - 80 - good
 81 - Better
 Sequoia Grove - Not tasted
 Kistler - No - Very high 3502
 Edna Valley 81 - Better
 Adlarfels - No
 Gigick Hills - yes 80 preferred
 to 81. Come
 79 available
 Trufethen - yes
 Chalane 81
 DeLoach - 81
 Ventana 81
 Morlot St. Clement 81
 Stirling Vineyard OK
 Rutherford Hill OK
 Chateau Chone Don't know
 Lakespring OK
 St. Francis OK
 Clos du Val OK
 Mill Creek 80
 Duckhorn

Vickers 81
 Chalane 81
 Morlot 81
 St. Clement 81
 St. Francis 81
 Chateau St Jean 81
 Duckhorn 81
 (Chateau St Jean 81)

Need Johansberg
Reisling
 81 Jacob
 81 Joseph Phelps

Cabernet
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 Pine Ridge - 78
 Beaulieu Vineyards - Private Reserve 77-78
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 Rutherford Hill - 77
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 Tidal ?
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 1978 Clos du Bois Proprietary Reserve 78
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 Santa Cruz Mountain Vineyard yes
 Acacia Lee vineyard yes - Madonna
 Vineyards
 Meigsby
 St. Edmund
 Sauvignon Blanc
 81 Dry Creek
 81 Napa Cellars
 81 Brander
 (81 Chateau St Jean
 Le Petite Etrolle)
 81 Cain
 81 Kenwood
 81 Glen Ellen
 (over)

81 Ventana

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*Called on by
D. Berkley 5-12-83*

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Took home for
Middlebury Party
6-4-83

#26 2 BT Mill Creek
1980 Chardonnay

#29
11 BT Davis Bynum
1981 Chardonnay

#24
11 BT Chateau St. Jean
1981 Chardonnay

#36
10 BT Buena Vista
1980 Chardonnay

#12
2 BT Alexander Valley
1981 Chardonnay

11 BT John Merrett
1981 Chardonnay

1 BT Brotherhood Hill
1980 Chardonnay

3 Cases of Wine for June 4, 1983

Carolyn & Mike's Party

2 Bt Mill Creek

1980 Chardonnay

10 Bt Davis Bynum

1981 Chardonnay

12 Bt

THIS BOX CONTAINS

2 BTL S = Alexander Valley 81
Chardonnay

10 BTL S = Buena Vista 81
Chardonnay

12 Btl

THIS BOX CONTAINS

1 BTL Davis Bynum
1981 Chardonnay

11 BTL S Chateau St. Jean
1981 Chardonnay

12 Btl

EXECUTIVE RESIDENCE

MASTER INVENTORY

RED WINE

ITEM DESCRIPTION

Louis M. Martini Pinot Noir 1977

Robert Mondavi Pinot Noir 1978

Saintsbury Pinot Noir 1981

Beringer Cabernet Sauvignon 1976

Buena Vista Cabernet Sauvignon 1974

Charles Krug Cabernet Sauvignon 1974

Christian Brothers Cabernet Sauvignon

Clos du Bois Briarcrest Cabernet Sauvignon 1978

Clos du Bois Cabernet Sauvignon 1978

Heitz Cellars Cabernet Sauvignon 1974

Inglenook Cabernet Sauvignon 1974

Inglenook Cabernet Sauvignon 1976

Jekel Cabernet Sauvignon 1978

Jordan Cabernet Sauvignon 1976

Louis Martini Cabernet Sauvignon 1976

Louis Martini Cabernet Sauvignon 1968 (Special)

Robert Mondavi Cabernet Sauvignon 1977

Silver Oak Cabernet Sauvignon 1977

EXECUTIVE RESIDENCE

WINE INVENTORY

RED WINE

ITEM DESCRIPTION

Simi Cabernet Sauvignon 1974

Simi Cabernet Sauvignon 1976

Simi Cabernet Sauvignon 1977

Simi Rose of Cabernet Sauvignon 1979

Christian Brothers Zinfandel

Simi Zinfandel 1978

Alexis Lichine Gevrey Chambertin 1970

Badia Coltibuono - Chianti Classico 1977

Chateau Michelle Gernache Rose 1978

Davis Bynum Bergundy

Gevrey Chambertin 1970

Merlot Souverain 1978

Mill Creek Merlot 1979

Mirassou Gamay Beaujolais 1977

Ridge California Zinfandel Amador 1980

EXECUTIVE RESIDENCE

MASTER INVENTORY

WHITE WINE

ITEM DESCRIPTION

<u>Girard Dry Chenin Blanc 1981</u>
<u>Hacienda Dry Chenin Blanc 1980</u>
<u>Napa Cellars Sauvignon Blanc 1981</u>
<u>Souverain Colombard Blanc 1981</u>
<u>Stags Leap Chenin Blanc 1981</u>
<u>Stephens Sauvignon Blanc 1981</u>
<u>Ventana Chenin Blanc 1981</u>
<u>Ventana Pinot Blanc 1979</u>
<u>St. Jean Muscat Canelli 1980</u>
<u>Chalone Vineyard Pinot Noir 1980</u>
<u>Hagafen Johannisberg Riesling 1980</u>
<u>Jekel Riesling 1980</u>
<u>Joseph Phelps Johannisberg Riesling 1981</u>
<u>Louis Martini Johannisberg Riesling 1973</u>
<u>Louis Martini Johannisberg Riesling 1977</u>

EXECUTIVE RESIDENCE

MASTER INVENTORY

WHITE WINE

ITEM DESCRIPTION

Chateau St. Jean Chardonnay 1980

Chateau Montelena Chardonnay 1979

Edna Valley Chardonnay 1981

Grgich Hills Chardonnay 1978

Grgich Hills Chardonnay 1979

Hacienda Chardonnay 1979

Inglenook Pinot Chardonnay 1978

Jekel Chardonnay 1980

Jordan Chardonnay 1979

Napa Cellars Chardonnay 1980

Pendleton Chardonnay 1981

Raymond Chardonnay 1980

Shafer Chardonnay 1980

Trefethen Chardonnay 1978

Trefethen Chardonnay 1979

Ventana Chardonnay 1981

ZD Chardonnay 1979

Zaca Mesa Chardonnay 1980

EXECUTIVE RESIDENCE

MASTER INVENTORY

WHITE WINE

ITEM DESCRIPTION

Chateau Yquem Lur Salices 1970

Clos DuBois Gewurztraminer 1980

Clos DuBois Gewurztraminer 1981

Inglenook Chablis

Pellegrini Fume Blanc 1980

EXECUTIVE RESIDENCE

MASTER INVENTORY

CHAMPAGNE

ITEM DESCRIPTION

<u>Almaden Blanc de Blancs 1977</u>
<u>Almaden Cuvee - Eye of the Partridge 1979</u>
<u>Angelo Papagni Spumante</u>
<u>Beaulieu Vineyards Brut Champagne 1974</u>
<u>Chandon Blanc de Noirs Champagne</u>
<u>Hanns Kornell Brut Champagne</u>
<u>Hanns Kornell Champagne</u>
<u>Korbel Blanc de Noir</u>
<u>Korbel Sec</u>
<u>Louis Roederer Reims Champagne 1976</u>
<u>Masson Brut Champagne 1978</u>
<u>Masson Extra Dry Champagne</u>
<u>Pol Roger Champagne 1964</u>
<u>Schramsberg Blanc de Blancs Champagne 1978</u>
<u>Schramsberg Blanc de Blancs Champagne 1979</u>
<u>Schramsberg Blanc de Blancs Champagne 1980</u>
<u>Schramsberg Blanc de Noirs 1975</u>
<u>Schramsberg Cuvee de Pinot 1978</u>
<u>Schramsberg Cremant Demi-Sec 1979</u>
<u>Schramsberg Cremant Demi-Sec 1980</u>
<u>Tattinger Champagne 1966</u>

5/17/83

May 17, 1983

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

- 3 - Jordan Cabernet Sauvignon 1976 ✓
- 2 - Simi Cabernet Sauvignon 1974 ✓
- 3 - Hacienda Dry Chenin Blanc 1980 ✓
- 3 - Ventana Chenin Blanc 1981 ✓
- 2 - ~~J~~ekel Chardonnay 1980 ✓
- 2 - ~~T~~refethen Chardonnay 1978 ✓
- 2 - Trefethen Chardonnay 1979 ✓
- 2 - Clos DuBois Gewurztraminer 1980 ✓

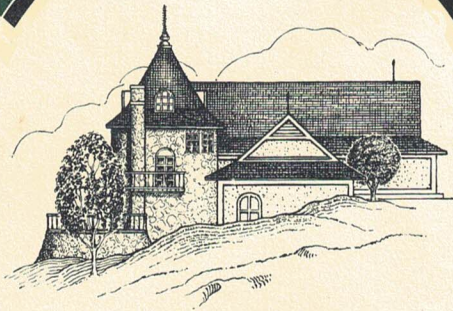
Re-order - SM

Order - SM

Send to Mr. Deaver's office

CAIN CELLARS

1981



NAPA VALLEY SAUVIGNON BLANC



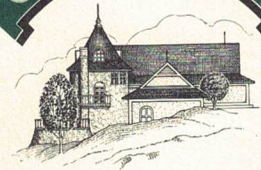
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Wine in the Reagan White H

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by Jeff Mapes

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Fine California wines have earned an honored and exclusive status in the White House under Ronald Reagan.

Choosing the wine at 1600 Pennsylvania Ave. is no longer something left to the domestic staff. Instead, wine selection for everything from state dinners to intimate gatherings in the Reagan's private quarters receives the loving care and attention of one of the president's trusted and powerful aides.

Deputy Chief of Staff Michael Deaver, known as one of the "Big Three" presidential advisors, personally tastes each wine before it is served at the White House, and is frequently on the telephone to his wine advisor to talk over the latest releases on the market.

A long-time wine lover, Deaver decided, with the president's agreement, that the Reagan administration would serve exclusively California wines.

"We have the very best wines in this country. The hardest part is to pick which ones will be served at a White House affair," Deaver said in an interview in his office which is next to the presidential Oval Office.

In recent administrations, wine has had a rocky reception at the White House, Deaver said.

"President Nixon evidently loved good French wine; and Gerald Ford I guess didn't care one way or another; and Jimmy Carter—I don't know if he knew the difference between a '52 Margaux and a case of Almadén."

Deaver pauses a moment. "I shouldn't say that," he added with a smile. "It's making Almadén sound like nothing and they have very nice wine."

Under Reagan, the White House has set out to "showcase" California wine, Deaver said. "We're very proud about the fact that we're Californians and we have this product."

Deaver, 45, is a long-time intimate of the president. He handled Reagan's scheduling when he was governor of California, after which Deaver stayed on in Sacramento to run a public relations agency.

Now Deaver relies heavily on David Berkley, a friend from those days. Berkley, 39, is a wine taster and buyer for the Corti Brothers markets in Sacramento, Calif., which have extensive wine selections. He also has a monthly wine show that airs on a local television station.

When Deaver joined the new administration, "He requested that I put together a list of representative California wines available in Washington, D.C.," Berkley recalled. That was not the end of it.



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That, of course, is because sparkling wine is reserved for toasting at the end of a meal, and the sweet Crémant best complements the dessert, said Deaver. Usually three wines, including the champagne, are served at state dinners. The Reagans often call Deaver for suggestions on wine to serve at small dinner parties in the White House residence.

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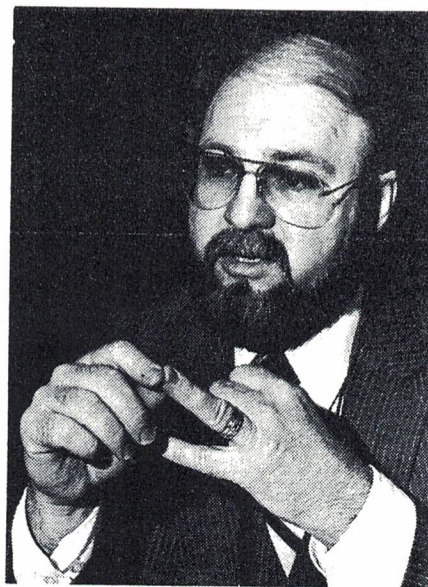
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California wine, they can be diplomatic about it.

"Dave (Berkley) is good about finding out little things of interest" that the president can talk about at state dinners, Deaver said.

For instance, when Japanese Prime Minister Yasuhiro Nakasone visited Washington, the Reagans served a Firestone Vineyard Chardonnay. Reagan made sure to mention that Firestone is partially owned by a Japanese firm, Suntory. Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin was served a kosher wine from the Napa Valley winery mentioned earlier, Hagafen.

At a recent dinner for Prime Minister François Mitterrand of France, the Reagans served a Domaine Chandon Special Reserve Brut sparkling wine. Domaine Chandon is owned by Moët-Hennessy the venerable French Champagne producer.

Deaver, in fact, has a special relationship with the French ambassador.

"I'll give him what I think are some of the best California wines that I've got. And of course he raves of them," Deaver grins. "Then he'll send me some French wines, which I'm (merely) polite about."

• Mapes is a Washington correspondent for Scripps League Newspapers.

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Donna:

Re my call to David Berkely -

1. He will check out the availability and price of 1967 Mouton Rachille and let MKD know.
2. Asked that we let MKD know that there will be 2 cases of wine waiting for him in Santa Barbara: (1) case of reds (2 each of 6 different Cabernet Sauvignons) and (1) case of whites (2 each of 6 different Chardonneys).

These wines were selected to commemorate the 75th Anniversary Year of U of Cal at Davis and selected and presented for MKD or President to present to the Chinese from the higher educational community of USA.

Also, with these cases will be 6 different letters from Chancellor Myer - different in words, but the same in substance - for MKD to determine which one to use and to whom. The letters (they think) should go to General Secy. of Communist Party, Premier, President, and Chairman of the Central Party. Twelve blank letterhead sheets will be included, in case changes need to be made.

See attached for basic content of these letters - for MKD review.

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THAT WILL BE WITH THE CASES OF WINE IN SANTA BARBARA

Dear Premier:

On the occasion of the 75th Anniversary Year, The University of California, Davis, is honored as a representative of the higher educational community of the United States of America, to present this gift of premium quality California wine to the Peoples' Republic of China.

The people of the State of California have provided a rich educational environment to nurture academic achievement. An example of the results of this commitment is embodied in the creation of quality wine by the graduates of this university campus.

The harmony of the relationship of the University of California, Davis, with the great California wine industry is reflected in the two labels each wine bottle bears.

It is my hope that this feeling of harmony may be extended further by the enjoyment of these wines in good health, in good fortune, and with good friends.

Sincerely,

/s/ James H. Myer
Chancellor

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

February 19, 1985

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Mr. Deaver:

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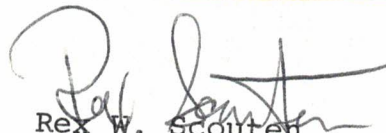
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Almaden	Gamay Rose	1981
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To account for our wine, I have charged:

1 1/5 Ventana Pinot Blanc 1979
(Sampling New Pioneers Luncheon)

1 1/5 Stony Hill Chardonnay 1982
(Sampling Governors Dinner)

Did you want to purchase a case of the Stony Hill
Chardonnay 1979 -- it would be a little over \$150.


Rex W. Scouter
Chief Usher