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CORTI BROTHERS

*Don Corti*

*Mr. Michael K. Dean*



CORTI BROTHERS

*to be  
file here!*

Mike,

Aboard you have the following:

6 cases 1982 Stony Hill Chardonnay  
Billing to follow

1 case mixed wines for official tasting

6 only 1981 Stony Hill Chardonnay  
Gift to the Deavers from the Berkleys

6 only mixed 1984 White Zinfandel  
Gift to the President from the Producers

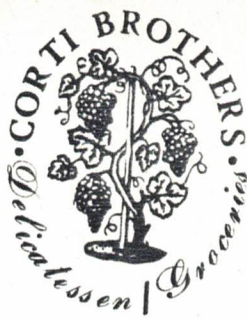
1 only Book of California Wine  
Gift to you from me

1 only Jack Daniels Pen  
Gift to you from Jack Daniels and Korbel

Enjoy and in the words  
of that great Statesman  
"Kick Ass Tomorrow!"

David

*Grocers and wine merchants since 1947.*



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August 12, 1983

Ms. Donna Bloom  
Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff  
The White House  
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Donna,

My apologies for our (Corti Brothers) inefficient telephone system. It is a new and purportedly advanced system, but then what can one expect for \$120,000. If you would request the White House operator to identify the origin of the call, it undoubtedly will enhance the efficiency of the individual receiving the call -- if not the system.

On another matter, I would greatly appreciate your help. Mr. George Yamasaki is the bonsai master who offered to the Queen (through Michael during her recent trip to California) a 500-year-old California Juniper. Eventually the bonsai was placed on display in the State Capitol for the Queen to view as a spectacular example of California flora and also as a representative of the large Japanese community in Northern California. These arrangements were made through Michael, also a bonsai enthusiast. Mr. Yamasaki was scheduled to receive a thank you letter either for the offered gift (bonsai) or for his display of the remarkable tree, or both. I am uncertain of the nature of the intended thank you letter. Possibly Michael can give some direction on that. If Michael authorized the thank you, it must have been overlooked, as all the contributing wineries have received thank you's. (And delighted they were!) Possibly in one of your "spare" moments you could research this for me.

Now regarding books for a man of "good taste:" I have enclosed a short listing of some informative and entertaining wine books. With your husband's

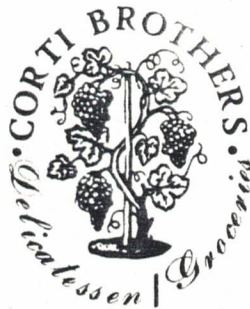
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SACRAMENTO, CA 95822  
391-0300





Ms. Donna Bloom  
August 12, 1983  
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established interest (400 bottles), he will find that several of these books require for full enjoyment a glass of the appropriate wine in hand and the same sort of reading time normally reserved only for novels.

Should he "consume" these in the near future, let me know and I'll send along another list of suggestions.

Sincerely yours,

*David Berkley*  
David Berkley

DB:hs

Encl.

P.S. Mr. George Yamasaki  
2140 Grass Valley Hwy  
Auburn, Calif. 95603

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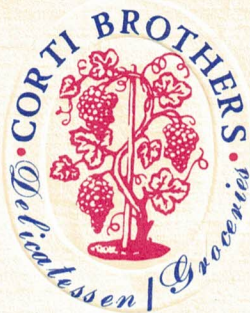
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☐ BIRDCAGE WALK  
6111 SUNRISE BOULEVARD  
CITRUS HEIGHTS, CA 95610  
966-6100





## WINE BOOKS

### General

- \* *Alexis Lichine's Encyclopedia of Wines and Spirits*  
(Knopf)  
by Alexis Lichine

- \* *Wine*  
by Hugh Johnson

### American

- \* *The Wines of America* (McGraw-Hill)  
by Leon D. Adams

### California

*The California Wine Book* (Morrow)  
by Bob Thompson and Hugh Johnson

### Italy

- \* *Vino* (Atlantic, Little, Brown)  
by Burton Anderson

*Italian Wine* (Knopf)  
by Victor Hazan

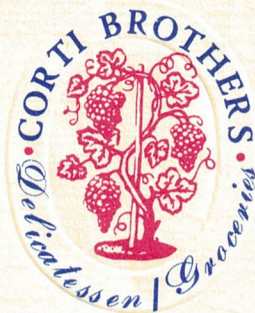
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WINE BOOKS  
Continued

France

- ✓ \* *Guide to the Wines and Vineyards of France*  
(Knopf)  
by Alexis Lichine

Port (Portugal)

*Port (Faber)*  
by George Robertson

*Port (Sotheby, Parke, Bernet)*  
by Wyndham Fletcher

Burgundy (France)

- \* *Burgundy*  
by Anthony Hanson

*The Wines of Burgundy (Stein and Day)*  
by H. W. Yoxall

Bordeaux (France)

*The Wines of Bordeaux (Stein and Day)*  
by Edmund Penning Rowsell

- ✓ \* *Encyclopedia of the Great Wines of Bordeaux (Julliard)*  
by Michel Dovaz

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WINE BOOKS  
Continued

Sauternes

Sauternes (Sotheby, Parke, Bennet)  
by Jeffery Benson and  
Alastair Mackenzie

Sherry (Spain)

Sherry (Faber)  
by Julian Jeffs

\* a good beginning library

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## CORTI BROTHERS

*Bill*  
*tempting*  
*Donna*  
*see*  
*notes*  
*on tour*  
October 3, 1983

Mr. Michael K. Deaver  
Deputy Chief of Staff  
The White House  
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mike,

Thank you very much for the signed menu and cover letter for the Count Lur-Saluces. I had Taylor's frame the two together, and the combination is very handsome. It will make a very special presentation to an individual whose family has made a very special wine for a very long time.

I leave tomorrow for France; unfortunately Diania, due to the continuing full day "morning" sickness, will be unable to go. Thank you to you and Carolyn for the thoughtful gift. The flowers arrived in timely fashion and helped to add color to an otherwise dim and grey day in Diania's world. Diania sends her appreciation for Carolyn's words of encouragement.

I have enclosed a list of the hotels, their telephone numbers and the dates for each. Should you find a "spare" day or two during your trip to England, possibly you could "pop across the Channel" (English phrasing) and join us for lunch and/or dinner. In Bordeaux, we will be having lunch with the owners of Chateaux such as: La Misson Haut-Brion, Margaux, D'Yquem and Gruaud-Larose. The restaurants are equally impressive including Michel Guerrard's at Eugenie-le-Bains, Andre Daguin's Hotel de France, St. James and Christian Clements. The food should be spectacular with fine and great wines to accompany; however, these chateaux and castles house barons, counts and marquises -- no queens.

Speaking of nobility, I hope the Hanzell 1978 Chardonnay proved to be a pleasurable companion to the lobster gelee and the Supreme of Chicken during the dinner for Princess Margaret. Rex said Mrs. Reagan preferred one wine for the two courses and a champagne for toasting. The Hanzell

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Mr. Michael K. Deaver

October 3, 1983

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1978 Chardonnay is amazingly fresh for a 1978 and exhibits the attractive characteristics a mature white wine occasionally projects. I hope you received the information regarding the current English ownership of Hanzell prior to the dinner. I know the de Brie's were proud to have their wine served at the White House and were delighted at the bonus of having it served to a member of the Royal Family.

On another subject, Alice Medrich, the creator and owner of Cocolat will be in D.C. the week of October 24-28th. Alice and her husband, Elliot, would like to present to you for the President a sampling of some of her famous chocolates including some that Alice has recently designed and created for this special presentation to the President. Also, should your diet accept the challenge, Alice is bringing a special selection for you and Carolyn. It is my opinion that Alice is without peer on the West Coast for sheer quality of chocolate products. Donna Bloom said she could arrange a tour of the White House for Alice and Elliot. Hopefully, your "bulging" schedule can accommodate a minute or two to greet Alice and receive her presentation. By the way, her chocolate truffles (similar to the ones Carolyn gave the Queen and Mrs. Reagan) would offer a rich sweet finale with coffee at the end of a State dinner. When I return from France, I will contact Donna regarding arrangements for the White House tour and potential brief presentation to you.

Enjoy your trip to England.

Many thanks for everything,

David  
David Berkley

DB:hs

Encl.

cc: Mrs. Michael K. Deaver



## HOTEL LIST

### BEST OF BORDEAUX TOUR 1983

October 4 through 8, 1983:

Frantel Hotel, 5 r. R-Lateulade, 33000 Bordeaux, France

Tel: 011-33-56-90-92-37

October 9, 10, 1983:

Hotel de France, pl. Liberation, 32000 Auch, France

Tel: 011-33-62-05-00-44

October 11, 1983:

La Reserve, rte. Cordes, 81000 Albi, France

Tel: 011-33-63-60-79-79

October 12, 13, 1983:

Le Vieux Logis, 24510 Ste.-Alvere, France

Tel: 011-33-53-61-80-06

October 14, 1983:

Host. de Moulin du Maine Brun, 16290 Hiersac, France

Tel: 011-33-45-96-92-62

October 15 through 18, 1983:

Royal Monceau Hotel, 35 av. Hoche, 75008 Paris, France

Tel: 011-33-1-561-98-00

Address letters as follows:

On lower left corner of envelope: HOLD FOR DRINKWATER TOUR GROUP

Mr. & Mrs. John Smith  
Frantel Hotel

5 r. R.-Lateulade

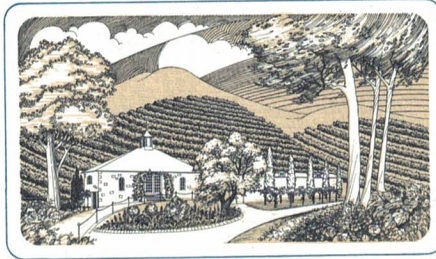
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# ROUND HILL

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September 19, 1983

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Mr. Michael Deaver  
Assistant to the President  
Deputy Chief of Staff  
The White House  
Washington D.C.

Dear Mr. Deaver,

Thank you for your very thoughtful letter dated September 8, 1983. All of us at Round Hill Winery are pleased that you enjoyed our wines and we thank you for your consideration.

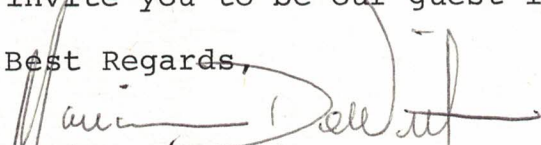
We are most appreciative to Mr. William Fitz-Patrick for enabling us to send a few of our wines to you.

The California wine industry has grown very quickly within the last thirteen years and truly blossomed into producing first class wines recognized on a international level. It seems that wine is a little like a language - each country produces its own individual form and personality, communicating the life of the region and its people.

All of us who are involved in making wine can be proud that The White House has selected many of our California wines to be served by the President to a multitude of guests from other nations. We, at Round Hill Winery, are privileged to know that our wines have been considered for selection at The White House.

Again, thank you for your interest in Round Hill and we cordially invite you to be our guest if ever you should come to the Napa Valley.

Best Regards,

  
Marianna DeWitt  
ROUND HILL WINERY  
Marketing and Public Relations Director



2:40 PM David Berkely called with following information behind wine decision for Princess Margaret dinner on Oct. 1st:

You only wanted 2 wines - so the 1st will be Hanzell Vineyard Chardonnay 1978 (currently owned by an English lady - Barbara deBrye - formerly of the old Fane family- currently living at BoytonManor Wiltshire Warminster) - to go with lobster through chicken courses.

The 2nd will be a sparkling wine for toasting with the sorbet.

If you do decide to have a 3rd - it could be the Pinot Vin Gris for the chicken supreme.

*Wine*

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

September 28, 1983

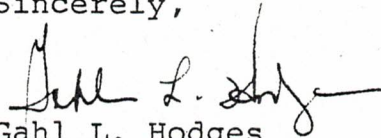
Dear Mr. Pashayan,

Thank you for your letter of September 19 regarding the offer made by the Wente family to provide champagne for a social function at the White House.

We certainly appreciate this kind offer and Ms. Wente will be contacted by Mr. David Berkley, our California wine consultant, to work out the arrangements for having the wine shipped to Washington.

With best regards,

Sincerely,



Gahl L. Hodges  
Social Secretary to  
the White House

The Honorable  
Charles Pashayan, Jr.  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

cc: Mr. Michael K. Deaver ✓  
Mr. Rex Scouten



CHARLES PASHAYAN, JR.

17TH DISTRICT, CALIFORNIA

129 CANNON BUILDING  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20515  
(202) 225-3341



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September 19, 1983

Ms. Gail Hodges  
Social Security  
The White House  
Washington, D. C. 20500

Dear Ms. Hodges:

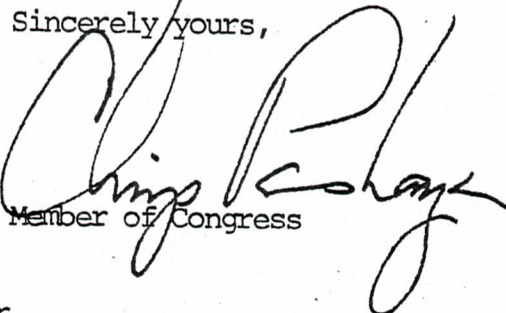
As Bill Deaver explained to you Friady, I wrote Mike Deaver in January concerning an offer by Carolyn Wentz to provide champagne for a social function at the White House. Mike informed Bill that the letter had been referred to your predecessor for action. A copy of that letter is enclosed.

I should appreciate it if every effort could be made to take advantage of this generous offer by the Wentz family. I suggest you work with Ms. Wentz, who can be reached at (415) 447-3603. Her mailing address is:

Wentz Bros.  
5565 Tesla Road  
Livermore, California 94550

Your assistance in this matter will be appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

  
Member of Congress

cc: Mr. Michael K. Deaver  
Ms. Carolyn Wentz

Enclosure

PLEASE REPLY TO:

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1702 EAST BULLARD AVE. SUITE 103  
FRESNO, CALIFORNIA 93710  
(209) 487-5500

☐ HOME OFFICE, KINGS COUNTY  
804 NORTH IRWIN  
HANFORD, CALIFORNIA 93230  
(209) 582-2896

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831 WEST CENTER STREET  
VISALIA, CALIFORNIA 93291  
(209) 627-2700

☐ HOME OFFICE, KERN COUNTY  
201 HIGH STREET  
DELANO, CALIFORNIA 93215  
(805) 725-7371

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January 11, 1983

Mr. Michael K. Deaver  
Deputy Chief of Staff and  
Assistant to the President  
The White House  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mike:

It is my pleasure to forward to you an offer from Carolyn Wente of Wente Bros., one of California's premium vintners, to provide champagne to the White House for serving at a special function or state dinner. The champagne Ms. Wente is offering is the first produced by her family's firm and will commemorate the 100th anniversary of Wente Bros.

Your careful consideration of this generous request will be appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

Member of Congress

cc: Mrs. Mable H. Brandon  
Social Secretary to the White House



*To Whom It May Concern:*

*The Following wines were delivered to Mr. Michael K. Deaver for the purpose of tasting and evaluating their compatibility with various menus to be served to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II and His Royal Highness the Prince Philip Duke of Edinburgh during their recent visit to California:*

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| <i>1980 Grgich Hills Chardonnay</i>                                       | <i>\$10.80</i> |
| <i>1980 Trefethen Chardonnay</i>                                          | <i>8.67</i>    |
| <i>1981 St. Clement Chardonnay</i>                                        | <i>8.00</i>    |
| <i>California Sherry, Private Reserve,<br/>Christian Bros. Centennial</i> | <i>5.50</i>    |
| <i>1976 Conn Creek Cabernet Sauvignon</i>                                 | <i>16.69</i>   |
| <i>1981 Grand Cru Dry Chenin Blanc</i>                                    | <i>3.77</i>    |
| <i>1981 Jekel Johannisberg Riesling</i>                                   | <i>4.17</i>    |
| <i>1981 Parducci Gewurztraminer</i>                                       | <i>4.46</i>    |
| <i>1981 Fetzer Gewurztraminer</i>                                         | <i>3.99</i>    |
| <i>1981 Saintsbury Pinot Noir</i>                                         | <i>4.33</i>    |
| <i>1981 Edna Valley Chardonnay</i>                                        | <i>8.00</i>    |

*Sincerely,*

*David Berkley*  
*David Berkley*

*cc: Mr. Michael K. Deaver*

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*Sincerely,*

*David Berkley*

*cc: Mr. Michael K. Deaver*





March 4, 1983

Mrs. Michael K. Deaver  
Deputy Chief of Staff  
Assistant to the President

Dear Mike,

These wines are for use as you see fit or as the need arises.

Boxes

| Labeled as: | Quantity: | Wine:                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
|-------------|-----------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| D-1         | 6 fifths  | 1979 Ventana, Pinot Blanc                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
|             | 2 fifths  | 1981 Ventana, Johannisberg Riesling                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
|             | 2 fifths  | 1982 Pine Ridge, Chenin Blanc                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
|             | 2 fifths  | 1973 Sebastiani, Cabernet Sauvignon,<br>Proprietor's Reserve                                                                                                                                                                            |
| D-2         | 6 fifths  | 1968 Beaulieu, Cabernet Sauvignon<br>George de Latour Private Reserve<br>(Possible use for anniversary dinner or as a<br>very special gift -- requires decanting.)<br><u>Expensive!</u>                                                 |
| D-3         | 6 magnums | Domaine Chandon Special Reserve Brut<br>(Each magnum is packed in a handsome wooden box.)<br>They were provided for use as the anniversary<br>toasting champagne aboard the Britannia; however,<br>each would serve as a generous gift. |
| D-4         | 6 fifths  | 1974 Beaulieu Cabernet Sauvignon<br>George de Latour Private Reserve<br>Another very fine and expensive Cabernet Sauvignon<br>for use as needed or as gifts.                                                                            |

Mr. Michael K. Deaver

March 4, 1983

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| D-5 | 6 fifths  | 1976 Heitz Chardonnay<br>(Tasting slightly old but still good)                                                                                |
|     | 6 fifths  | 1981 ZD Chardonnay<br>full styled Chardonnay with pronounced oak.                                                                             |
| D-6 | 12 fifths | 1981 Chateau St. Jean Chardonnay<br>Belle Terre Vineyard<br>Lovely Chardonnay - ripe flavors, well balanced<br>fruit and oak characteristics. |
| D-7 | 4 fifths  | 1977 Robert Mondavi Cabernet Sauvignon<br>Private Reserve                                                                                     |
|     | 3 fifths  | 1975 Sebastiani Zinfandel<br>Proprietor's Reserve<br>The last vintage of Proprietor's Reserve<br>Zinfandel produced by August Sebastiani.     |

#### DESSERT WINES

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|-----|----------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| D-8 | 1 fifth  | 1978 Johannisberg Riesling, Chateau St. Jean<br>Trochenbeerenauslesen style -- see information<br>and description of dessert wines. Very, very<br>sweet. |
|     | 2 fifths | 1980 Johannisberg Riesling, Chateau St. Jean<br>Trochenbeerenauslesen style. Very, very sweet.<br>See information and description of dessert wines.      |
| D-9 | 2 fifths | 1981 Johannisberg Riesling, Chateau St. Jean<br>Auslese style - fresh and sweet. See informa-<br>tion and description of dessert wines.                  |



Mr. Michael K. Deaver

March 4, 1983

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Box D-9 continued:

1 fifth      1980 Gewurztraminer, Chateau St. Jean  
Beerenauslesen style. Very sweet.

Mike, these dessert wines are very sweet and really too young for current service with the possible exception of the 1981 Johannisberg Riesling. If you do serve the 1981 Johannisberg Riesling, small quantities would certainly prove to be adequate.

Sincerely,

David Berkley

David Berkley

DB:hs

P.S. Tuesday I will start work on the Wine Pavilions for the Economic Summit in Williamsburg.