

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

September 7, 1983

Dear Mr. Blosser:

Thank for your recent letter with the attached information on Sokol Blosser Winery. I will keep your award winning wines in mind when there is a need to select more fine wines to serve at the White House.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,



MICHAEL K. DEEVER
Assistant to the President
Deputy Chief of Staff

Mr. Bill Blosser
President
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Mr. Michael K. Deaver
Deputy White House Chief of Staff
White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington D.C.

Dear Mr. Deaver:



It has been brought to my attention that the selection of the White House wines rests with you and that your selection is limited to U.S. wines. May I suggest that you consider the Northwestern wines when making your selection?

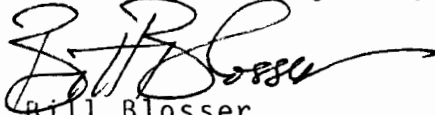
Sokol Blosser is the largest winery in Oregon and our wines have made impressive showings at wine tastings both here and abroad. Additionally, it has been selected as the house wine at the prestigious Benson Hotel in Portland. Enclosed you will find a list of the medals Sokol Blosser wines have won.

It is also my understanding that the Presidential favorites are full-bodied, red wines and that our First Lady prefers light, white wines. Therefore, I am sending you for your evaluation a bottle of our Pinot Noir and one of our Chardonnay.

As you may well be aware, the laws governing wine labeling are much stricter in Oregon than elsewhere in the U.S., and our climate is much like the grape producing regions of France. I hope you will concur that our wines are suitable for White House state banquets. There is a wine list enclosed to familiarize you with the varieties available.

Thank you for taking the time to read my letter, and I do hope you find our wine to your liking.

Most cordially yours,



Bill Blosser
President

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AWARDS WON BY SOKOL BLOSSER WINERY

Aug 1983 Enological Society of the Pacific Northwest (Seattle)
SILVER 82 Sauvignon Blanc
BRONZE 82 Select Harvest White Riesling

Aug 1983 Oregon State Fair
SILVER 82 Sauvignon Blanc
BRONZE 80 Merlot

Aug 1983 Tri-Cities Wine Festival (Pasco, Washington)
GOLD 82 Sauvignon Blanc

Jul 1983 San Francisco Fair
Hon Men 82 Select Harvest White Riesling

Jun 1983 West Coast Wine Competition (Reno)
GOLD 82 Sauvignon Blanc

Jun 1983 International Wine and Spirit Competition (London)
BRONZE 81 Chardonnay
BRONZE 81 White Riesling (Washington)
BRONZE 82 Bouquet Rose (Pinot Noir Rose)
BRONZE 78 Reserve Merlot

Aug 1982 Oregon State Fair
GOLD 80 Chardonnay (Yamhill County)
SILVER 81 White Riesling (Yamhill County)
BRONZE 81 Sauvignon Blanc

Aug 1982 Enological Society of the Pacific Northwest (Seattle)
BRONZE 81 White Riesling (Washington)

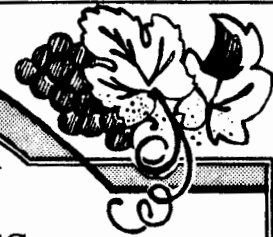
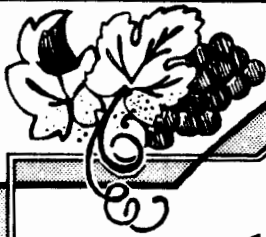
Jul 1982 Tri-Cities Wine Festival (Pasco, WA)
BRONZE 81 White Riesling (Yamhill County)

Jun 1982 International Wine and Spirit Competition (London)
SILVER 80 Chardonnay (Yamhill County)
SILVER 78 Pinot Noir
BRONZE 79 Merlot
BRONZE 79 Pinot Noir (Hyland Vineyards)

Aug 1981 Roseburg Wine Festival (Roseburg, OR)
BEST OF CLASS 80 White Riesling (Yamhill County)

Aug 1981 Oregon State Fair
SILVER 78 Pinot Noir
BRONZE 80 White Riesling (Yamhill County)
BRONZE 80 Sauvignon Blanc

Aug 1981 Enological Society of the Pacific Northwest (Seattle)
SILVER 78 Pinot Noir
SILVER 80 White Riesling (Washington)



WEST COAST WINE COMPETITION 1983 AWARD WINNING WINES

SWEEPSTAKES WINNERS

PINOT NOIR
Mill Creek Vineyards

CABERNET SAUVIGNON
Silver Oak Cellars

CABERNET SAUVIGNON GOLD MEDAL WINNERS

Clos Du Val
Silver Oak Cellars

Clos Du Bois
Field Stone Winery

Guenoc Winery
Chateau St. Michelle

CABERNET SAUVIGNON SILVER MEDAL WINNERS

Dry Creek Vineyards
Mill Creek Vineyards
Inglenook Vineyards
Geyser Peak Winery
Alexander Valley Vineyards
Foppiano Vineyards

Souverain Winery
Diablo Vista Winery
Sebastiani Vineyards
Kendall Jackson
Almaden Vineyards

Glen Ellen Winery
Grand Cru Vineyards
Beringer Vineyards
Franciscan Vineyards
Stevenot Winery
E & J Gallo

CABERNET SAUVIGNON BRONZE MEDAL WINNERS

Sausal Winery
Lambert Bridge
Concannon Vineyards
Fetzer Vineyards

Napa Creek Winery
Flora Springs Wine Co.
Stony Ridge Winery
Weibel Champagne Vineyards

Edmeades Vineyards
Mirassou Vineyards
Woodside Vineyards

PINOT NOIR GOLD MEDAL WINNERS

Mill Creek Vineyards

Amity Vineyards

PINOT NOIR SILVER MEDAL WINNERS

Christian Bros./Mont La Salle
Paul Masson Vineyards
Almaden Vineyards

Fenton Acres Winery
Geyser Peak Winery
Inglenook Vineyards
Louis Martini

Donna Maria Vineyards
J. Pedroncelli Winery
Richardson Vineyards

PINOT NOIR BRONZE MEDAL WINNERS

Hultgren & Samperton
Clos Du Bois

Kenwood Vineyards

Stony Ridge Winery
Sea Ridge Winery

ZINFANDEL GOLD MEDAL WINNER

A. Rafanelli Winery

ZINFANDEL SILVER MEDAL WINNERS

The Temperamental Grape

California Falls Short When It Comes to Pinot Noir

By Robert M. Parker Jr.

Special to The Washington Post

CALIFORNIA winemakers, who have had so much success with most major vinifera grapes such as cabernet sauvignon, chardonnay, sauvignon blanc, johannisberg riesling and chenin blanc, continue to fall on their faces when it comes to producing quality pinot noir.

From its beginning in California, pinot noir has had its problems re-

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ardless of the skills of the wine-maker, the age of the vines or the location of the vineyard. Because of the outlandish price charged for most French burgundies, the wine press has tended to overstate the case for pinot noir efforts in California in hopes that the consumer would turn to them as alternatives.

The bottom line, however, is that the vast majority of pinot noirs are uninteresting wines that are frequently overblown, with exaggerated smoky components, stemmy, harsh tastes, and jammy, flabby flavors that lack direction and structure. Of course, an occasional pinot noir rides above the tide of mediocrity, such as the 1977 Carneros Creek, 1976 Caymus, 1975 Hoffman Mountain Ranch or the 1976 Martin Ray. However, these wines represent only a small drop in the barrel of pinot noir.

Recently, a number of wine critics have raved about the new pinot noir releases from such small wineries as Calera and Acacia, and many consumers would no doubt expect to

taste exquisite wine. Not only are these wines overrated, but they are selling at ridiculous prices of \$18 to \$23 per bottle. Such prices are no less outrageous than the \$125 per bottle for Romanée Conti. For most California pinot noirs, consumers should remember the price is simply not proportional to the quality of the wine.

I recently tasted more than 30 current releases of California pinot noir wine on the market. The following six wines are those wines that I found of merit. Most of these pinot noirs are expensive and available only in small quantities, but all can be found at the local wine shops. The wines are listed in order of my preference.

Santa Cruz Mountain Winery 1978/1979 (\$12.95). Full bodied and darkly colored, this well made pinot noir—a blend of the 1978-1979 vintages—has a surprisingly complex bouquet of smoky, fruity scents backed by spicy oak. Full, intense and tannic on the palate, this big wine has a modest kinship to a finely made French chambertin. It is an impressive pinot noir that should be given another two to three years of aging.

Sokol-Blosser 1979 "Red Hills Vineyard" (\$8.99-\$9.49). If any winery seems to have a vision of what pinot noir is all about and can capture the elusive qualities of this temperamental grape, it is Sokol-Blosser in Oregon. Its pinot noir captures the purity of the fruit, which is not apparent in most Californian pinot noirs. In addition, the wine has an elegant sense of balance, while combining power and authoritative varietal character. The current Sokol-

Blosser that I like is from its Red Hills vineyard; it has lovely, clean fruit that is silky and lush, and it reminds me of a well-made French volnay.

Acacia 1979 Iund Vineyard-(\$17.59-\$17.99). Acacia pinot noirs have received some rather dazzling reviews, but I find the majority of them entirely too exaggerated and stemmy, as well as absurdly priced. If you are willing to shell out the money, the Acacia pinot noir from the Iund Vineyard will prove the most interesting of the Acacia pinot noirs. It is the darkest of the Acacia wines and has the purest bouquet, with ripe, berry-like fruit and subtle oak, smoky elements. A full bodied-wine, it has a good deal of tannin and acidity, which seems to indicate that two to four years of bottle age will render an even more enjoyable wine. This wine, which is definitely California-style in its bigness and richness, can hardly be compared to a French burgundy, but it is quite interesting.

Calera 1979 Selleck Vineyard-(\$18-\$22). Calera has developed a reputation for producing some of the most interesting pinot noirs from California. Like the Acacia winery, Calera offers three pinot noirs with vineyard designations. The Calera pinot noirs tend to be among the most intense pinot noirs I have tasted from California. They are dark, with plenty of fruit, tannin and acidity. Of the three current offerings from the 1979 vintage, I prefer the wine from the Selleck Vineyard which is dark ruby with plenty of fruit, although its abrasive tannin seems to warrant additional bottle age. The price is absurd, but if you are inclined to taste one of the best California pinot noirs, then you will have to pay the price.

✓ *Carneros Creek Winery 1979 Carneros District (\$16.95).* This wine may not be the same as the wonderful 1977 pinot noir from Carneros Creek, but it is an attractive wine with light to medium ruby color and a moderately intense, stemmy, fruity, slightly smoky aroma reminiscent of a lighter cotes de nuits. This wine has light tannins and medium to full body, making it a pinot noir that should be drunk soon.

✓ *Chalone 1979 (\$11.95).* Chalone is justifiably famous for its chardonnays and pinot blancs. Occasionally, a Chalone pinot noir proves to be quite good. This medium ruby wine seems to be one of the better efforts. There is some good smoky, earthy, ripe fruit in the bouquet, which is followed by a rather full-bodied wine

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WASHINGTON

September 7, 1983

Dear Bob:

Thank you for your note of August 11th enclosing the supportive letter from the young Australian gentleman. We will get a letter to him off from the President shortly.

Thanks again for your assistance regarding the station wagon. We'll contact Karen when we are ready to sell.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,



MICHAEL K. DEEVER
Assistant to the President
Deputy Chief of Staff

The Honorable Robert D. Nesen
United States Ambassador
American Embassy
Canberra
Australia



FYI

Recd. 8/19/83
Ambassador of
The United States of America
Canberra, Australia

8/11/83

Dear Mike —

Attached find letter I
thought would interest you —
Guess the Pres. should get
votes from here too —

Sorry I didn't get to see you
re: the Sta. Wagon while there
but Karen will handle it
when you get ready —

Sincerely

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

September 8, 1983

Dear Mr. Blosser:

I have received the bottle of Cardonnay and Pinot Noir from your award winning winery. Thank you for sending them to me for my consideration in selecting wine to be used by the White House. We will give Soklol Blosser Winery every consideration.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,



MICHAEL K. DEEVER
Assistant to the President
Deputy Chief of Staff

Mr. Bill Blosser
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WASHINGTON

September 8, 1983

Dear Ms. DeWitt:

I appreciate receiving the bottles of wine from your vineyard for my enjoyment and consideration. You can be assured that we will give Round Hill Vineyard every consideration when selecting fine wines to be served at the White House.

Thank you again for the wines.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Michael D.", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

MICHAEL K. DEEVER
Assistant to the President
Deputy Chief of Staff

Ms. Marianna DeWitt
Round Hill Vineyard
1097 Lodi Lane
St. Helena, California 94574

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

September 8, 1983

MEMORANDUM TO: HARDI L. JONES
FROM: BILL SITTMANN
SUBJECT: REVEREND William Marvin

Attached you will find a letter to Michael Deaver from Reverend Marvin. As your office has been in contact with the Reverend we would appreciate your assistance in dealing with him.

Thank you for your attention to this request.

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

September 8, 1983

Dear Mary:

Thank you for your letter of September 6th informing me you will be leaving your position at the Department of Commerce.

I want to wish you the very best and let you know the President and I appreciate your service and support of the Administration. Thanks for your offer to assist with the re-election.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,



MICHAEL K. DEAVER
Assistant to the President
Deputy Chief of Staff

The Honorable Mary Nimmo Waldmann
Director of Public Affairs
Department of Commerce
Washington, D.C. 20230



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
Office of Public Affairs
Washington, D.C. 20230

September 6, 1983

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The Honorable Michael K. Deaver
Assistant to the President and
Deputy Chief of Staff
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mike,

It has been my ~~pleasure and privilege~~ to serve the President for the past ~~two-and-a-half years~~ as Public Affairs Director for the Commerce Department-- my sincere thanks to you for bringing about the opportunity. My thanks, too, for indirectly bringing about the changes that prompt my resignation from the position. ~~Effective September 12, I am leaving Commerce to spend at least the next several months as full-time mom to Ray's and my new daughter.~~

In leaving the Commerce position, I also become un-Hatched, so please don't hesitate to call on me if I can be of assistance to the President's re-election effort (particularly as you wrestle with the so-called gender gap). You can contact me by telephone at 338-4776 or by mail at 3020 R Street NW #2, Washington, DC 20007. I look forward to seeing you again in the future, but in the ~~meantime my thanks and earnest regards.~~

Mary
MARY NIMMO WALDMANN

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

September 8, 1983

Dear Bill:

The President was very impressed by the ad from the Thatcher campaign. He asked me to convey to you his feelings and thank you for sending it to him.

I also think that it is a very effective ad--direct and to the point. I think that you will be seeing ads like this late in our campaign--when print ads are most effective.

Sincerely,



MICHAEL K. DEAVER
Assistant to the President
Deputy Chief of Staff

The Honorable
William J. Casey
Director
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, D.C.

PUTTING A CROSS IN THE LABOUR BOX IS THE SAME AS SIGNING THIS PIECE OF PAPER.

1. I hereby give up the right to choose which school my children go to and agree to abide by any decision made by the State on my behalf.

2. I empower the Labour Party to take Britain out of Europe, even though my job may be one of the 2½ million which depend on Britain's trade with Europe.

3. I am prepared to see the Police Force placed under political control even though it could undermine their capability to keep law and order.

4. I agree that Britain should now abandon the nuclear deterrent which has preserved peace in Europe for nearly forty years. I fully understand that the Russians are not likely to follow suit.

5. I agree to have the value of my savings reduced immediately in accordance with Labour's wishes to devalue the pound.

6. I empower the government to borrow as much money as they wish from other countries and I agree to let my children pay the debt.

7. I fully agree to a massive expansion of nationalisation, whatever the cost to me in higher taxation.

8. I do not mind if I am forced to join a union. I do not expect to vote for the leaders of that union and do not mind if I am not consulted by secret ballot before being told to strike.

9. I sign away the right to buy my own council house.

10. I do not mind paying higher rates.

11. I am prepared to allow my pension and to be used by the government to invest in any scheme that they see fit whether or not this shows a good enough return on my investment.

12. I understand that Labour's plans could mean that prices will double once more, as they did under the last Labour government.

13. I realise that the tax cuts from which I will have benefited under a Conservative government may be withdrawn at once.

14. I waive my right to choose any form of private medicine for my family.

15. I understand that if I sign this now I will not be able to change my mind for at least five years.

SIGNED.

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September 9, 1983

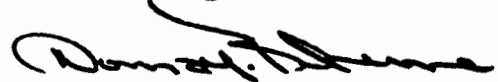
Dear Ms. Muzyka:

Mr. Michael K. Deaver recently received a letter from Mr. Bill Best informing him of your support for President Reagan and of your contribution to the election of the President.

Mr. Deaver appreciates all you have done and your willingness to work in the re-election effort. It is with pleasure we send you the enclosed picture of the President.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,



Donna L. Blume
Executive Assistant to
MICHAEL K. DEEVER

Ms. Stephanie S. Muzyka, CPS
Asministrative Assistant
Federated Development Company
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cc to Bill Best

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September 7, 1983

The Honorable Michael K. Deaver
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Michael:

During the course of a visit with the Chief Executive Officer of Federated Development Company in Houston, ~~I had the occasion to meet his Administrative Assistant, Stephanie S. ~~Hayka~~~~, who informed me that she is a very strong supporter of the President and worked very hard in his campaign during the last election.

Federated Development is the parent company of MCO, which used to be known as McCulloch Oil, and is represented now in Los Angeles by Bill Roberts in their political affairs.

They are a multi-billion dollar organization, and I believe it is worthwhile to be attentive to folks within the company that are strong supporters of our interests.

I would encourage you to forward the enclosed copy of the note she gave me so that we might get an autographed picture of the President sent to her in Houston.

She has indicated a strong willingness to work again next time around. I think it would be worthwhile to cultivate this relationship and see that she has a very active opportunity, either in Texas or nationally, to participate.

I was most impressed with her and believe she has a great deal to contribute to the cause and other things as time goes on.

Trusting you can accommodate me in this manner, I remain

Sincerely yours,

Bill 49

William H. Best
Chairman of the Board and
Chief Executive Officer

Enclosure

*Down
pls do
send with a
note from you
with cc to
Best.*

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619 • 321-1571

Dear Mr. Best,

I am involved in a number of activities, and it is difficult to reach me at home. Therefore, I suggest that any correspondence be directed to my Houston business address shown on this correspondence.

I enjoyed our conversation, and I look forward to hearing from Washington.

Sincerely,



Stephanie S. Muzyka, CPS
Administrative Assistant