

Week of 04-29-08

Red Bag Clues:

Grape?

Fast growing, early maturing.

Prefers cooler weather, such as higher elevations.

One of the newest grapes introduced to the region.

Grown predominately in one region, but can also be found in a post apartheid nation with a Cape of Good Hope.

The name translates to; the color of passion and a period or architecture style that Michelangelo's era was a precursor to.

Most used grape in that fortified beverage we talked about a couple weeks ago. Hint* the previous grape was the least used grape in that highly prized drink.

Region?

The British helped this country grow into the fortified wine power house it is today. This country was a global empire spanning four continents during the 15th and 16th centuries.

10% of the grapes in this region are this vine. The third most prevalent.

Wild mountainous region.

Located along a river with the same name.

Contains two DOCs.

The name of the region means gold.

Producer?

The family obtained their first hectare of land at the end of the 80s.

Producer of the year in both '99 and 2006 in the magazine named for their country and business.

Won an award for their Touriga Nacional.

Also the only Excellency Award for a Tinto Cão coming from their region.

Year?

Some of the worst flooding in the country happened this year. Six were killed and entire towns and villages were stranded from outside contact.

Answer - ???