

Week of 05-13-08

Serve in a White Stem

Red Bag Clues:

Grapes?

85% of this bottling is said to be the substance of Yhwh's (יהוה) son.
This grape was introduced to California in the late 1800s by European settlers.
14 distinct clones are available of this grape.
Slow to mature and late ripening with thin skins.
Limestone soil produces very aromatic wines.

10% of this bottling is said to be the parent of the other grape.
Father and son... a bit biblical?
Said to have arrived from a nearby neighbor.
This grape is an ancient varietal.
The other parent is a nearly extinct relic.
Made into light quaffing wines in one region while in another it receives a bigger more structured treatment.
Often found blended with the 85% grape to make a particular style of wine this country is very well known for.
It's name means cherry.

And the remaining 5% is...
A cross of Grenache with Petit Bouschet.
A grape grown during prohibition due to its ability to be over extracted and still produce fermentable juice. Its thick skin also allowed it to with stand long train rides cross country without spoiling.

Region?

The most used grape in this bottle is the #1 grape planted in this country.
Only 5000 hectares of the 10% grape are planted and that number continues to decline.
Birth place of the Renaissance.
Seat of a major church is within this countries border.
Some belief the name of this country was borrowed from the greek for "land of young cattle".
Morellino is the local name for the 85% grape. Many think the name comes from Morello, the colour of Maremmano horses.

Producer?

An agronomist born and bred in Maremma, and an English marketing manager, bought the estate in 1997.

Year?

Some of the best grapes were produced this year in this country. Production was up 5-10% due to growers proactively thinning.

Answer - ???



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All about Yhwh which is commonly pronounced as Jehovah.

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