

Week of 05-15-07

Red Bag Clues:

**Serve in a Cab/Merlot Stem**

*Clues:*

Grape –

- Known by several other names, here are a few: Cot, Pressac, Auxerrois and Fer
- Usually found in blends
- Used to make outstanding wines like a chef would use spice to make a wonderful dish.
- Thin skinned grape that needs more sun and heat to mature.
- This grape is found around the world and is currently quite popular from one growing region in particular where it was introduced in 1868.
- Long known as one of the six grapes used in the blending of red Bordeaux wine.
- This grape tends to shatter in frost conditions.
- In 1956 this grape lost popularity in Bordeaux due to a frost that caused the loss of 75% of the vines.

Where is it from?

- This bottle is from the country well known for producing some great blends from it.
- This country consumed 937,839,000 gallons of wine in 1999.
- This particular region within the country produces wines mostly from this grape.
- Known for limestone plateau vineyards that produce “black wines”, because they are dark, tannic and long-lived.
- This region requires at least 70% be this grape to bear the mark.

**Answer – Le Clos d'un Jour Malbec 2004 Cahors**