

Week of 07-10-07

Red Bag Clues:

Grape –

- This grape tends to be soft and fleshy.
- Grapes are identified by their loose bunches of large berries.
- The grape has a beautiful dark-blue color to it.
- Grape tends to have higher sugar content and lower malic acid.
- Typical characteristic of this grape is the propensity to quickly over ripen once it hits its initial ripeness level, sometimes in a matter of a few days.
- Bordeaux banned new plantings of this vine between 1970 and 1975 due to frost and resulting rot in previous years.
- It is believed that this grape is an offspring of Cabernet Franc and is a sibling of Carmenere.
- The earliest recorded mention of this grape was in the notes of a local Bordeaux official who in 1784 labeled wine made from the grape in the Libournais region as one of the area's best.
- The name of this grape translates to “young blackbird”.
- Was mocked by a main character in the film Sideways, who encouraged people to drink a different wine.

Where is it from?

- This new world country didn't build much momentum in wine production until the 1800's.
- This 42nd State is the only state named after a US president.
- Seattle is in this state

Producer –

- These wine making brothers sourced grapes from the best vineyards in Washington to produce this fabulous wine.
- They describe themselves as two people working as one to produce some of the best grapes around.

Answer – Milbrandt Vineyards Merlot 2005 Washington