

FROM The RIVER'S EDGE

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Last fall when I started my Cranberry Wine, I gave you the recipe and instructions for finishing the wine. Well, mine is now finished and ready for bottling. It is a fairly dry wine with the flavor much like the Cranberry Juice Cocktail you buy in the Supermarket.

A most refreshing wine that is best served chilled. It is a table wine that could be used anywhere you would use a Rose. Because of its refreshing qualities, it need not be confined to dinner or lunch time. It is better than beer when you are hot and thirsty.

It makes a nice drink to serve guests in the evening. All in all, it is one of the most useful wines you can make.

Many of the white and Rose wines can be used as a refreshment by themselves. The fruity Moselles and Gerwurztraminers are good examples of white wines that are refreshing. Moselles come from vineyards along the river of that name in Germany. They are principally made from blends of White Riesling and Sylvaner grapes.

The Sylvaner is sometimes called the Franken Riesling, but it is actually an inferior grape to the White Riesling. Yet, it has a zesty fruity flavor that blends well with the more aristocratic White Riesling to make the very palatable

Moselles. The so called Grey Riesling is a grape grown farther south in France in one particular wine region. It has a still different flavor and appeal that has made it popular. Several American vintners in California produce excellent Grey Rieslings. The grape does well on California's better grape soils.

The University of California at Davis is the school where viniculture is taught, and where the State does its research in wines and wine grapes. Over the years they have produced a number of hybrids with great promise. Their efforts are bent towards producing grape varieties that are particularly compatible with California's soils and climates. One of their outstanding successes is the variety they call Emerald Riesling. Paul Masson's Emerald Dry is made from this grape. Other producers are following suit, and soon Emerald Riesling will be a standard varietal on many California winery lists. This year, for the first time, Emerald Riesling concentrates are available to the amateur wine-makers of Oregon.

Wine can be made from any fruit as the offerings on your local dealers shelves will indicate. Or talk to any amateur wine-maker. If you talk to enough of them you will see

that no fruit has been overlooked. Not all of them will appeal to everyone.

Take plum wine for instance—, a friend gave me a large sack of plums just so I could try it. Now, I never liked plum wine from either commercial or amateur source before, but I followed through with my friends wishes and made a batch. I don't know what to do with it. Occasionally some one drops in that likes plum wine and they enjoy it. About once a year I tasted it to see if the additional years age had improved it. So far, it still is plum wine and that is not for me.

Any commercial loganberry wine I have ever tasted has been too sweet. So I made some dry. Loganberry wine does not have to be sweet! Dry, it is much like the cranberry. It is refreshing served cold, and it is a good table wine served at room temperature as you would any other dry red wine.

And that covers my choices for fruit wines other than grapes. As for the hardier grapes, I am not crazy about Concord, although many people are. The White Niagara or White Diamond grapes make an excellent white wine. I have never tried the red grapes such as Caco or Delaware. Perhaps that should be my next experiment.



SANDY SWIM coach Jim Anstine gets into his sleeping bag to "catch some winks". Anstine has his Blue Marlin swimmers ready for the 100 hour Centennial Swim-A.

Then starting on June 4. Helping the coach is Blue Marlin team captain Gary Marsh. (Post Photo)

BLUE MARLIN AQUATIC CLUB

Blue Marlin Coach Jim Anstine is getting out his sleeping bag this week getting ready for a long stay at the Sandy pool, and distance swimmers are the "order of the day" at practice as Sandy's Blue Marlins prepare for their CENTENNIAL SWIM-A-TION to be held at the pool from June 4, to June 8.

Each swimmer is trying to prepare himself to swim 200 lengths of the 25-yard pool in a two hour period as one leg of the marathon relay of swimmers who will clock off 100 continuous hours to emphasize Sandy's 100th year anniversary celebration.

From 2:00 p.m. on June 4 when the starting gun sends the first swimmer into the water, until the last swimmer finishes at 6:00 p.m. on Friday, June 8, there will be a progression of approximately 50 Blue Marlin swimmers stroking up and down Lane One. They will be marking off laps at the average rate of one length each half minute. The pool will be open the whole 100 hours for the public to come in to watch the swimmers and to see the lap-count go up.

This is a fund raising project for the Blue Marlins as well as a Centennial activity, and Blue Marlin swimmers are soliciting sponsors who will help them by contributing so much per length for each lap they complete.

An exhibition swim with representatives of the various civic groups and clubs in the community swimming along with the Marathon swimmer will high-light the last hour of the SWIM-A-TION, and the public is invited to come and

cheer along the Kiwanians, the Chamber of Commerce, J.C.'s, Blue Marlin parents and the community school swimmers who will get a taste of the endurance swim the Blue Marlins are doing.



JEFF JACKSON strains for the tape in the finish of the 100 yd. dash. Jackson placed fourth in the event helping Sandy to fifth place in team standings at district. (Post photo)

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