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WINE

BY LANCE SPARKS

VINTAGE VEGAS

There's no place like home

Late June in blissful Bluegene, thick clouds issue periodic downpours. The air is sweetly washed, redolent with scents of roses and lilies. Some marketing maven oughtta package this air and sell it, right next to our bottled tap water. We know some ready markets.

My lovely wife, Kat, and I just returned from a week in Las Vegas where every day (and night) was hot, dry and gritty, and where nearly every imaginable product or service sells at three times more than its value. Daytime temps peaked at 100 degrees; meanwhile, back home, mists persisted and temps only approached 70, typical June in western Oregon. We called the homefolks each night; they didn't appreciate our whining. Each envied the other.

But at night, that most tasteless of cities yielded dining experiences that made lasting memories. Nearly every celebrity chef in the U.S. has a place in Vegas. We studied hard. What transpired inspired parts of this column.

Obviously, an education in food and wine can involve a lifetime. For the nearly infinite varieties of foods, there are over 5,000 wines, and each new vintage puts the student of wine, no matter how "expert," back to start. So it's try and try, taste and taste, endless continuing education.

Back to Vegas for an example: In the Venetian Hotel, B&B Ristorante rang all the bells: the menu is Italian and exquisite, the best recipes of Iron Chef Mario Batali; the place is pretty but just hits that golden ground between elegant and comfortable; the service is four-star, formally flawless without being intrusive or pretentious. (But Batali insists that diners listen to — gag — Led Zeppelin throughout the meal.) Note: Wolfgang Puck's Postrio, another of Venetian's over 40 restaurants, hit the same heights, with better music.

Batali is one B; the other B is Joe Bastianich, one of Italy's top winemakers, which accounts in part for the B&B wine list, which constitutes a graduate course in Italian wine. Nearly a thousand items long, the class in Barbaresco (one of the world's great "big" reds), like

all graduate classes, would be expensive; you'd just *have to* taste Gaja 1985 Barbaresco Sori Tildin at just over a thousand bux — and it's not the most expensive. But day-um! No, we didn't drink Gaja. Our education focused on more affordable *vinos*.

Back home: If you're looking to add to your own wine education, we strongly urge you to attend **Art and the Vineyard** (July 4-6 at Alton Baker Park). Fine arts and crafts, lotsa lively music and nearly 30 wineries, local and near-local, will be pouring tastes of their best — and their best rivals anyone else's. Educate your palate (craft brews also available), matching good glug with tasty grub from 18 eateries. Warning: Jus' don't try to drive after class — designate a driver.

Look especially for rosés, both dry and off-dry. We've been investigating strenuously and have a few to recommend, all dry (though we won't argue with folks who like sweeter wines) and, rare for us, not all local:

J. Scott Cellars 2011 Rendezvous (\$16), Eugene-born, is sockeye salmon in color and deep in flavors (cherries, strawberries, cranberries) with deft balance. A blend that includes pinot noir, syrah, petite sirah, Roussanne and viognier, the wine should be served cool but not too cold; it's versatile, ready for picnic fare or BBQ.

It ain't local but it's surely fine: **Chevalier Pinot Noir Rosé 2012 Val de Loire** (\$16) is lightly colored and delicate, refined and attractive, with distinctive flavors of cherries and rose petals.

Sacha Lichine and his Caves D'Esclans set the standard for rosés. Their top bottling is ticketed at over a C-note, but they also make wines for working people. **Le Poussin Rose (Pink Chicken) 2012** (\$8.50) is just so pretty and the flavors so seductive, the hand is drawn to the bottle for just another taste.

D'Esclans Whispering Angel Cotes de Provence Rosé 2012 (\$20) is so pale it seems impossible that much flavor could emerge from that near-transparency — but it does: fresh strawberries, good acidity, graceful balance. The rosés of Provence are marvelous; Lichine's are sublime.

Our Vegas education led to some clear lessons: First, Dorothy had it right: There's no place like (our) home. Second, Oregon's wines are just fine. Last, Led Zeppelin is *not* the soundtrack of our lives. ■

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