

Local wines capture awards

BAINBRIDGE—The J. Richard Nissley family has two more medals to add to their collection for award-winning wines following the Sixth Annual Wineries

Unlimited Conference held at Americana's Host Farm in Lancaster on December 2-4.

Millrace White and Cellar Reserve Blanc wines were each

awarded a bronze medal at the Thursday evening banquet of the conference. They were produced at the Nissley Vineyards winery near Bainbridge, from French-hybrid

grapes grown during 1979.

"We were very pleased to receive the medals," said owner and winemaker Dick Nissley. "The competition was much tougher this year," he added.

Out of a record number of 792 wines judged at the Eastern Wine Competition, only 180 were awarded medals, 19 of them gold. One hundred wineries from 22 states east of the Rockies and two provinces of Canada entered wine in the competition.

While Millrace White was one of seven specially selected wines served at the five-course banquet, Nissley's apple wine was also served—but not in a glass. It was an ingredient in the Roast Tenderloin Normandy, developed by Steve Dumas of the Greystone Inn at Ithaca, New York, who acted as chef for the conference.

Last year, Nissley's big winner was Aurora 1979 which received a gold medal, while seven other Nissley wines received silver or bronze medals.

One of Nissley's vinifera wines, recently was served at the National Museum of American

History in Washington, D.C.

The occasion was a luncheon held on November 4 for First Lady Nancy Reagan prior to the ceremony where she presented her Inaugural Ball gown to the Smithsonian Institution.

Distribution to six wine shops in the Washington area is handled by Nissley's daughter Mary Lee. "We are gradually expanding our market," she commented. "We also hope to establish some wine shops soon under the new Pennsylvania legislation."

Recently passed House Bill 357 permits a Pennsylvania wine producer to establish three locations for wine sales in addition to the winery.

Visitors are welcome at the Nissley winery located near Bainbridge. The stone-arch winery, built by Dick Nissley and his son John, houses the large stainless steel tanks used for fermenting and storing the wines.

A tour of the winery also includes the vineyards tended by John and a sample tasting of Nissley's award-winning wines.

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What is a will? Essentially it's a legal document which says who is to receive any portion or all of your estate or personal property. In addition, you can name a personal representative to act on your behalf during the estate settlement and, if necessary, a guardian for any minor children. If the minor children are to receive property from the estate, a guardian of their property can also be named.

What if you die without a will? In this situation, your property will be distributed according to the Interstate Law of Pennsylvania. This is a schedule set up by the legislation for the distribution of the deceased's property.

"Generally, this schedule follows family lines in determining where the property is to go," says John Becker, Penn State assistant professor of agricultural law Extension.

For example, if a husband dies owning a \$60,000 certificate of deposit in his own name, and he is survived by his wife and their two children, then his estate, after the

payment of debts and expenses, would be distributed in this manner:

—The surviving spouse would receive \$30,000 plus one-half of the balance of the estate. The remainder of the estate would be shared equally by the two children.

—But if the children were children of a prior marriage of the deceased husband, then:

—The surviving spouse would receive only one-half of the estate.

—The remainder of the estate would be shared equally by the two children.

This is but one example of how the Interstate Law provides for the distribution of an individual's estate. The major advantage in having a will prepared is that the individual concerned determines who will receive his or her property after death.



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