Valentines in the Vineyard

by Rick Nielsen

Over Valentines Day weekend the UNLV Wine Club's pursuit of knowledge and the good life lead them to the root (and the vine) of some of California's finest wines.

The jam-packed itinerary provided an air of anticipation as the club, packed into two Ford mini-vans, journeyed the 650 miles to Napa Valley.

Bright and early the next morning it was off to Fetzer Vineyards, in Hopland, located in Mendicino County.

Much to the delight of the club, the Fetzer Tasting room was holding a Cabernet and Chocolate Festival in honor of Valentines Day. Offered were samples of regular vintages, as well as some special young barrel cabernets, together with assortments of white and dark

chocolates, truffles, and sinfull tasting cakes. Then it was off to the vineyard for the tour.

"We try to have quality wines at good prices," said Ken Boek of Fetzer. The vineyards cover about 3,000 acres, and the home ranch about another 1,000 acres. The tour included a trip through the naturally controlled climate barrel rooms and a stroll through the four and a half acre organic garden where more than 1,000 varieties of fruits, vegetables, herbs, and edible flowers are grown.

Included in the trip price of \$125, was lunch in Hopland at the Hopland Brewery.

The Hopland Brewery is California's first brewpub— a brewery that retails their products from their own attached pub or tavern.

The combination pub-restaurant features homestyle



Korbel Winery is located in Sonoma County, Napa Valley.

cooking with daily specials and of course their selection of four premium brews that range in taste from a light bodied ale to a dark and robust stout.

After an appetizing lunch, it was time to move on to Korbel Champagne Cellars.

Korbel has been family owned and operated since 1882, and continues to use the classic "Methode Champenoise" process, named after the region in France that originally utilized this method of bottle aging. Korbel Cellars has won numerous awards for its' fine champagnes, including being designated in 1985 as one of the '68 Great Wineries in the World" by Wine Spectator Magazine.

The private tour included a video presentation and tasting of not only Korbel Champagne, but champagnes of different



Ken Bock points to the grape auger where grapes are processed.

processes and regions as well.

Accommodations for Saturday night's stay had been Trans-American Bank building arranged at the elegant and in San Fransisco was the prestigious Park Hyatt in San highlight of the entire trip. Fransisco.

The extravagant and sumptuous dining experience

at the exclusive Carnelian Room, located on top of the

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by Kimberley McGee

The entrance to the barrel room.

IN HONOR OF THE MEN AND WOMEN OF THE ARMED FORCES OF THE UNITED STATES WHO SERVED IN THE VIETNAM WAR. THE NAMES OF THOSE WHO GAVE THEIR LIVES AND OF THOSE WHO REMAIN MISSING ARE IN-SCRIBED IN THE ORDER THEY WERE TAKEN FROM

This message is inscribed on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall in Washington DC. It's message marks the beginning of the over 253 foot wall which lists the 58,138 military men and women who lost their lives in Vietnam.

Boulder City will host the

replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall Friday, March 6 through Thursday, March 12. This one-half scale replica, known as the Moving Wall, will be on display in Wilbur Square, (Government Park), and free to the public 24 hours a day.

The Moving Wall is made of .100 inch thick aluminum panels. The surface gives a glossy, mirror like image due to its allodined and electro-painted finish. It is mounted on angular aluminum frames. The entire wall is supported from the back with 74 steel squaretubulare braces.

Inscribed on the Wall are the names of service men and women who died, are missing in action (M.I.A.) or are prisoners of war (P.O.W.) as of January 1, 1992. The names are listed in chronological and alphabetized in order according to the date of death.

Next to these names are symbols, diamonds and pluses. They indicate whether a person is confirmed dead, including those who died from accidents or natural causes, and those whom are still missing. Diamonds indicate a confirmed death, pluses indicate the person is either missing or a P.O.W. The pluses can be transformed into a diamond if remains are returned or they are declared dead. A circle around a plus symbolizes the "circle of life" and that the person has been brought home alive.

There are approximately 1,300 names on the wall who are still unaccounted for as P.O.W.'s or M.I. A.'s.

Eight women; 7 Army nurses and 1 Air Force nurse, are also listed.

The wall begins with the date 1959. Originally, the Department of Defense gave this date for when the first two men were killed in action. These two men, Dale R. Buis and Chester R. Ovnard, were killed on July 8th in Bien Hoa while serving as military advisors. At the time of their death they were watching a movie in a mess tent.

However, it came to the DOD's attention after the dedication of the Memorial in November 1982, that Captain Harry Cramer had been killed in action in 1957. Although his name has been added, the date

at the top of the memorial remains 1959.

The last 18 casualties of the Vietnam War occurred on May 15th, 1975 and are the last names to be added to the wall.

The inscriptoin at the bottom of the last panel of the wall commorates the military men and women who gave their lives from their duty to thier coun-

OUR NATION HONORS THE COURAGE, SACRIFICE AND DEVOTION TO DUTY AND COUNTRY OF ITS VIETNAM VETERANS. THIS MEMORIAL WAS BUILT WITH PRIVATE CONTRIBU-TIONS FROM THE AMERI-CAN PEOPLE. NOVEMBER 11, 1982.