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JEFFERSON AND WINE

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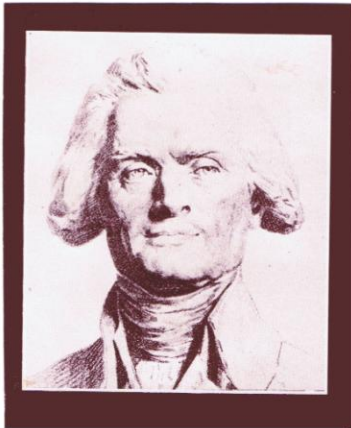
Mr. Richard Scott, Author  
Vineyardist  
Midi, S.W. France

Dear Mr. Scott:

I was fascinated by your excellent article in *COUNTRY LIFE*, May 19th about establishing a vineyard to make Blanquette de Limoux.

This wine was a favorite of Thomas Jefferson's and when he died in 1826 his last known cellar inventory of Feb. 1, 1826 (copy enclosed from our book) listed 49 bottles.

**Jefferson And Wine**  
"A SHREWD AND DEMANDING  
CONNOISSEUR"



"Wine from long habit has become  
an indispensable for my health..."

	old stock on hand	now rec.	total
Feb. 1. 26 vin rouge de Bergasse	142	...	142
Red ledanon	37	180	
blanquette de Limoux	49	...	49
muscat de Rivesalte	36	150	
Scuppernon quant. suff.			
Claret from Pichon.	22	...	22
Virgin oil of Olive.	2	36	
Anchovies	*	12	
Maccaroni.	*	113	
	<u>288</u>		

Jefferson's last known "purchasing list" for wines which indicates what he possessed in his cellar at Monticello a few months before he died. This refutes published claims that he had only Scuppernong wine at that time.

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Sincerely,

*Richard Scott*  
R. de Treville Laurence, Sr.  
Editor

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