

R H I N O P H I L I G H T S

*"Life is too short
to drink bad wine"*

My arrival was highlighted with the destruction of the maternity wing or so the story goes. I joined a "new" American family. My father, Otto, a recent immigrant from Germany, fell in love with Charlotte Johanna, a first generation San Franciscan. Our home was across the bay. I was raised in Berkeley with a typical American childhood and many fond memories.

The family moved to Seattle after my high school graduation and as I said goodbye to friends, they told me I would meet someone from the Northwest and marry. My answer was "no way." It was at the University of Washington, while taking courses in organic chemistry, that Dick and I met. We married almost 37 years ago. I soon realized I had become "Mrs. Rhinoceros", the nickname the family has been called by children for generations. After graduating as a medical technologist I did research work while Dick attended veterinary school. Education

and the Air Force had us residing in various states. Finally in 1969, we returned to northern California with our son and three daughters.

A neighbor started our rhino collection in 1960. We have over



200 figurines and pictures decorating our family room. Collecting has been a fun hobby and friends have enjoyed surprising us when they find an unusual rhino. A favorite of mine is a wall-hugger from Japan with the oriental eyes and grin.

When the children left home, I returned to work but had to change careers when another family hobby became a business. We had always made beer and wine at home. Doesn't everyone grow hops and have liquids fermenting in every cool room in the house?

Isn't everyone awakened on the hottest day of the summer to the news that the grapes are ready? In 1984 we turned commercial with son Jack as our partner and as the winemaker. Joanna Vineyard was a reality. I now tend our tasting room in Napa Valley and invite you to stop and visit. As I review the years I see that Dick and I are thinking about retirement. The children are all grown and busy with their careers and families. Joanna Vineyard continues and of course our rhino collection just keeps growing!

Wine as gifts? Why not?! It's an idea that's building momentum among gift-seekers searching for that special present. Teddy bears and savings bonds certainly have their value, but will little Tommy or Suzie enjoy them as much in the coming years? A well-made Cabernet

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Sauvignon can age alongside the child and reach maturity about the time legal drinking age is achieved. In addition, birthdays, weddings, anniversaries, graduations and promotions can be commemorated by the gift of wine. Imagine arriving at your class reunion with case of Chardonnay bottled the same year you and your buddies picked up your diplomas. Tied the knot in 1990? Why not pick

up a Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot blend that was married the same year to celebrate your tenth anniversary? For those of you who are BIG THINKERS, Joanna Vineyard is able to customize your gift ideas to include your company name on a wooden gift box, or even the label itself. Joanna Vineyards offers a variety of wine. Check with Joanna for current availability, but in the past, they have offered Sauvignon Blanc, Chardonnay, and White Zinfandel. If you are in the

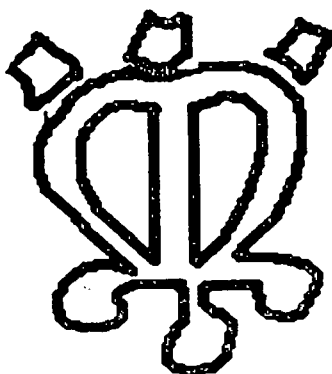
Napa Valley area or wish to order some wine by mail, contact Joanna Ryno at Joanna Vineyard, PO Box 2318, Yountville, CA 94599 (707) 763-8248 [home] (707) 944-9157 [vineyard]

P.S. If anyone is interested in a print of a rhino with a glass of wine, appropriately titled "Wineoceros", write to: First Impressions, PO Box 3628, Carmel, CA 93921. Blank greeting cards are also available [not sure if at same place]

TAKE A DAILY WALK WITH A RHINO?

YES! Send for your very own hand-carved, custom-designed rhino walking stick made by master carver Milton O. Jews. I discovered Milton upon reading the April, 1990 issue of *National Geographic* and he was kind to send three sketches of possible rhino topped walking sticks. You may select either a

white (two poses) or Indian rhino. Milton did not send information on the type(s) of wood available or specific dimensions of the stick but then we have only corresponded once. I suggest you contact him directly for more specific information as he may be amenable to creating something original for you. Prices ranging from \$85-\$95. Contact: Milton O. Jews, 2125 Watkins St, Phila, PA 19145.



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