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Knights of the Vine

Richard Vine, Purdue University Enologist and food science professor, was recently knighted in Burgundy France by the French brotherhood, Confrérie des Chevaliers de Tastevin; the English translation of the brotherhood being The Knights of the Wine Cup.

The Chevaliers de Tastevin, one of the most famous French brotherhoods, is located in the popular tourist vineyard Clos de Vougeot. French brotherhoods or Confréries are dedicated to advancing the cause of various foods and drinks throughout France. France has more than 150 brotherhoods with almost half based on specific wines and other alcoholic beverages.

The brotherhoods are devoted to an annual harvest program of pagentry, feasting, and the knighting (enthronement) of honorary members to the cause. "Wine authorities dressed in traditional robes and regalia celebrate the new vintage with much pomp and heralding," said Vine when asked to describe the event.

The recent knighting, is the second for Richard Vine. The Commandière du Bontemps Médoc, the Knights of the Round Table of Good Times, knighted Vine in Bordeaux France in 1990.

The recent honor recognizes Vine's 30 years of research and outreach in advancing the knowledge and appreciation of wine. Vine, who selects all of the wines for American Airlines, is known internationally for his wine expertise. He also is part of the Indiana Wine Grape Council team that helps Indiana wineries with grape-growing, wine-making and marketing. Since the wine-grape team's inception in 1991, the number of Indiana wineries has grown from three to 19, with several more in various stages of development.

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