

(2). TITLE.:- RED WINE OF ITALY.

Picture.:- Joyous crowds celebrate the Festival of the Grape. Wine is said to make one merry -- but the --

--people of Marino are merry enough in anticipation. What a crowd ! They're all there to honour the red wine of Italy, which they do in this manner, once a year.

Everybody -- rich or poor -- joins in the light-hearted festivities.

They wait, more or less patiently, to get near the fountains from which wine is served to them under the supervision of the gendarmerie -- or police.

Good health ! or the Italian equivalent, is heard on all sides, as elbows are raised and heads tilted back ! No-one goes home thirsty on this day.

The festivities start with the dawn and are carried on right throughout the day till long after dark.