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~~NATALIE (CONT'D)~~
~~(then)~~
~~Wait-~~
~~(trying again)~~
~~I believe you.~~

Across the lobby: the newlyweds, Cal and Heidi, walk past. Heidi is carrying her DIGITAL CAMERA. Monk reacts.

~~MONK~~
~~The camera! Natalie, she took a~~
~~picture last night! It was a group~~
~~photo. He was in it!~~

17 INT. SUN ROOM - WINE TASTING -- LATER

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Later. In the hotel's SUN ROOM. A WINE TASTING is in progress. A long BAR has been set up. BOTTLES are lined up, for patrons to sip and then spit into buckets.

All the hotel guests- Cal & Heidi, Dr. Sobin and Pierre- are there. Heidi's DIGITAL CAMERA is on a strap around her neck.

A local WINE EXPERT is hosting the event...

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WINE EXPERT
And this is a Cabernet Sauvignon
from a new vineyard in Mendocino. I
think you'll like this. It's softer,
less tannic than the Merlot...

~~Everyone expertly swirls their glasses... and sniffs. They~~
~~all AD LIB comments.~~

~~THE GUESTS~~
~~Mmm Delectable... Pungent, but~~
~~not overbearing...~~

~~ACROSS THE ROOM. Monk and Natalie are watching. Monk is~~
~~holding a wine glass, which is filled with water.~~

~~MONK~~
~~(whispering)~~
~~We've got to get that camera.~~

~~NATALIE~~
~~Okay. You stay here.~~

~~Natalie walks away... and joins the WINE-TASTING GROUP.~~

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WINE EXPERT

Ah. Are you joining us? Good. The more the merrier.

Everyone- including Natalie- fills another glass.

WINE EXPERT (cont'd)

Next, we're going to try a blended wine from the Franciscan Vineyards in the Cardneros district, which is a little closer to the ocean...

18 INT. SUN ROOM -- MOMENTS LATER

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Later. The wine tasting continues. The Wine Expert steps up to Monk....

WINE EXPERT

What are you drinking?

MONK

Sierra Springs.

WINE EXPERT

How is it?

Monk swirls his glass, as if it were a fine wine.

MONK

Exquisite.

WINE EXPERT

Is this your first tasting?

(Monk nods)

I'll explain what they're doing.

There are five steps. We call them

the five S's. See, swirl, sniff,

sip and spit. They're on step number

one- See. How does the wine look?

Is it bubbly? What is the texture-?

MONK

(interrupting)

Excuse me. What was that last one?

Step five?

WINE EXPERT

Spit.

MONK

So... they're going to be spitting?

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WINE EXPERT

That's right.

MONK

All at once? ~~All of them spitting?~~
~~In this room? With me in the room?~~

//END

Across the room: the WINE TASTING continues. Natalie steps up to Heidi Gefsky, who's mid-sniff.

NATALIE

(casually)

I'll hold your camera.

HEIDI GEFSKY

I'm good.

ACROSS THE ROOM: the Wine Expert explains to Monk...

WINE EXPERT

Now they're on step three.

MONK

(gulp)

Step three.

WINE EXPERT

Sniffing. You smell the wine. You inhale deeply. Can you smell the herbs or the fruit...?

MONK

So there's only two left... until the spitting...

ACROSS THE ROOM: the wine tasting continues. Natalie cries again.

NATALIE

This is fun, isn't it?

(to Heidi)

Hey- how about a group photo? I'll take it.

HEIDI GEFSKY

Maybe later.

ACROSS THE ROOM: Monk is bracing himself for the fifth S".

WINE EXPERT

Now they're sipping...

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