

French Wine: A History

A tour of the French winemaking regions to illustrate how the soil, underlying bedrock, relief, and microclimate shape the personality of a wine. For centuries, France has long been the world's greatest wine-producing country. Its wines are the global gold standard, prized by collectors, and its winemaking regions each offer unique tasting experiences, from the spice of Bordeaux to the berry notes of the Loire Valley. Although grape

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variety, climate, and the skill of the winemaker are essential in making good wine, the foundation of a wine's character is the soil in which its grapes are grown. Who could better guide us through the relationship between the French land and the wine than a geologist, someone who deeply understands the science behind the soil? Enter scientist Charles Frankel. In *Land and Wine*, Frankel takes readers on a tour of the French winemaking regions to illustrate how the soil, underlying bedrock, relief, and microclimate shape

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the personality of a wine. The book's twelve chapters each focus in-depth on a different region, including the Loire Valley, Alsace, Burgundy, Champagne, Provence, the Rhône valley, and Bordeaux, to explore the full meaning of terroir. In this approachable guide, Frankel describes how Cabernet Franc takes on a completely different character depending on whether it is grown on gravel or limestone; how Sauvignon yields three different products in the hills of Sancerre when rooted in limestone, marl, or flint; how Pinot Noir

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will give radically different wines on a single hill in Burgundy as the vines progress upslope; and how the soil of each château in Bordeaux has a say in the blend ratios of Merlot and Cabernet-Sauvignon. Land and Wine provides a detailed understanding of the variety of French wine as well as a look at the geological history of France, complete with volcanic eruptions, a parade of dinosaurs, and a menagerie of evolution that has left its fossils flavoring the vineyards. Both the uninitiated wine drinker and the confirmed

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oenophile will find much to savor in this fun guide that Frankel has spiked with anecdotes about winemakers and historic wine enthusiasts—revealing which kings, poets, and philosophers liked which wines best—while offering travel tips and itineraries for visiting the wineries today.

In the mid-1800s, fortune seekers from around the world flocked to California, but not all of them ended up in the gold fields. Many settled in San Luis Obispo County, drawn by the Mediterranean climate

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perfect for planting a familiar crop: grapevines. Local viticulture originated with the Spanish Missions, but it blossomed with the influx of intrepid adventurers. Growers and winemakers like Pierre Dallidet, an immigrant who helped save the French wine industry, and Henry Ditmas and James Anderson, who were the first to plant Zinfandel grapes, established vineyards and set about crafting award-winning wine in the fertile soil of Central California. Join the experts at the Wine History Project of San

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Luis Obispo County as they share the unique stories of these legendary winemakers.

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perdrix, Trousseau gris, Vendange tardive, Selection de Grains Nobles, Vin de France, Comite Regional d'Action Viticole, Romorantin, Piquette, Vin Delimite de Qualite Superieure, Lillet, Vin Mariani, Classification of Graves wine, Lieu-dit, Claret, List of vins de primeur, FAT bastard, Red Bicyclette, Vin de liqueur, Nouveau, Lulu B.. Excerpt: Champagne (French:) is a sparkling wine produced by inducing the in-bottle secondary fermentation of the wine to affect carbonation. It is produced exclusively

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within the Champagne region of France, from which it takes its name. The primary grapes used in the production of Champagne are Pinot noir, Chardonnay and Pinot Meunier. Champagne appellation law only allows grapes grown according to appellation rules in specifically designated plots within the appellation to be used in the production of Champagne. Through international treaty, national law or quality-control/consumer protection related local regulations, most countries limit the use of the term to only those

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wines that come from the Champagne appellation. In Europe, this principle is enshrined in the European Union by Protected Designation of Origin (PDO) status. Other countries, such as the United States, have recognized the exclusive nature of this name, yet maintain a legal structure that allows certain domestic producers of sparkling wine to continue to use the term "champagne" under limited circumstances. The majority of US-produced sparkling wines do not use the term "champagne" on

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their labels and some states, such as Oregon, ban producers in their... Wine looks at how wine has been used to demarcate social groups and genders, how wine has shaped facets of social life as diverse as medicine, religion, and military activity, how vineyards have transformed landscapes, and how successive innovations in wine packaging have affected and been affected by commerce and consumption.

Provides a comprehensive guide to the wines of France, describes the wine-

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growing regions, and recommends classic dishes to match the wines

History of Wine

Hachette Wine Guide

Thomas Volney Munson and the origins of American viticulture

Judgment of Paris

The French, the Nazis, and the Battle for France's Greatest Treasure

A Beginner's Guide to Enjoying the Fruits of the French Terroir

The Unlikely Story of an American Making Wine and a New Life in France

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The Vikings called North America "Vinland," the land of wine. Giovanni de Verrazzano, the Italian explorer who first described the grapes of the New World, was sure that "they would yield excellent wines." And when the English settlers found grapes growing so thickly that they covered the ground down to the very seashore, they concluded that "in all the world the like abundance is not to be found." Thus, from the very beginning the promise of America was, in part, the alluring promise of wine. How that promise was repeatedly baffled, how its realization was gradually begun, and how at last it has been triumphantly fulfilled is the story told in this book. It is a story that touches on nearly every section of the United States and

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includes the whole range of American society from the founders to the latest immigrants. Germans in Pennsylvania, Swiss in Georgia, Minorcans in Florida, Italians in Arkansas, French in Kansas, Chinese in California—all contributed to the domestication of Bacchus in the New World. So too did innumerable individuals, institutions, and organizations. Prominent politicians, obscure farmers, eager amateurs, sober scientists: these and all the other kinds and conditions of American men and women figure in the story. The history of wine in America is, in many ways, the history of American origins and of American enterprise in microcosm. While much of that history has been lost to

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sight, especially after Prohibition, the recovery of the record has been the goal of many investigators over the years, and the results are here brought together for the first time. In print in its entirety for the first time, A History of Wine in America is the most comprehensive account of winemaking in the United States, from the Norse discovery of native grapes in 1001 A.D., through Prohibition, and up to the present expansion of winemaking in every state.

This two-volume collection analyses the evolution of wine production in European regions across the nineteenth and twentieth centuries. France and Italy in particular have shaped modern viticulture, by improving oenological

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methods and knowledge, then disseminating them internationally. This first volume looks closely at the development of winegrowing, with cases ranging from Italian and French regions to smaller producers such as Portugal and Slovenia.

An exclusive behind-the-scenes look at the stunning estates of France's most prestigious and long-standing vineyards. Hennessy, Moët & Chandon, Dom Pérignon, Mercier, Krug, Ruinart, Veuve Clicquot, Château d'Yquem, and Cheval Blanc: across the world these names are synonymous with prestige, secrets passed down from generation to generation, and the inimitable genius of French wine production. These producers, who together

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comprise the Moët Hennessy group, weren't satisfied with simply striving to make the best Cognac, Champagne, Sauternes, or Saint-Emilion. Since they were founded, each has been dedicated to cultivating an environment in which these exceptional French products can be fully appreciated. And so, in order to entertain in style, these legendary institutions have constructed elegant estates. Guests savor meals that have been composed to subtly complement and ultimately intensify the experience of tasting the sought-after libations. Stunning countryside surroundings, beautiful interior design, a friendly atmosphere, and often contemporary art all play a role in entertaining guests; many eminent designers and

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architects have contributed to these exquisite locales. This volume is an invitation to discover the magic of these beautiful retreats, and the institutions behind them. The touching story of one couple's decision to start a vineyard in France, where they fear nothing more than the destruction of a sudden cold snap Frost can be fatal to a fledgling wine business. . . it's a gorgeous glitter with a high price tag. On a winter's day it is beautiful, but on a spring day after bud burst it spells devastation. For Sean and Caro Feely, a couple whose love affair with wine and France has taken them through financial and physical struggle to create their organic vineyard, it could spell the end. Until they receive an unexpected call that could save

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their skins. . . This book is about life, love, and taking risks, while transforming a piece of land into a flourishing vineyard and making a new life in France.

For Heineken, "rising Africa" is already a reality: the profits it extracts there are almost 50 per cent above the global average, and beer costs more in some African countries than it does in Europe. Heineken claims its presence boosts economic development on the continent. But is this true? Investigative journalist Olivier van Beemen has spent years seeking the answer, and his conclusion is damning: Heineken has hardly benefited Africa at all. On the contrary, there are some shocking skeletons in its African closet: tax avoidance, sexual abuse,

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links to genocide and other human rights violations, high-level corruption, crushing competition from indigenous brewers, and collaboration with dictators and pitiless anti-government rebels. Heineken in Africa caused a political and media furor on publication in The Netherlands, and was debated in their Parliament. It is an unmissable exposé of the havoc wreaked by a global giant seeking profit in the developing world.

A Bite-Sized History of France

The Wines of South-West France

**A History of Wine in Europe, 19th to 20th Centuries,
Volume I**

El Vino Y la Viña

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Saving Our Skins

The History of Wine in 100 Bottles

A National Myth or a Modern Passion?

Winner of the prestigious André Simon Drink Book Award The first definitive reference book to describe, region-by-region, how the great wines of Europe should taste. This will be the go-to guide for aspiring sommeliers, wine aficionados who want to improve their blind tasting skills, and amateur enthusiasts looking for a straightforward and visceral way to understand and describe wine. In this seminal

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addition to the wine canon, noted experts Rajat Parr and Jordan Mackay share everything they've learned in their decades of tasting wine. The result is the most in-depth study of the world's greatest wine regions ever published. There are books that describe the geography of wine regions. And there are books that describe the way basic wines and grapes should taste. But there are no books that describe the intricacies of the way wines from various subregions, soils, and appellations should taste. Now, for the first

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time ever, you can learn about the differences between wines from the 7 grand crus and 40 premier crus of Chablis, or the terroirs in Barolo, Champagne, and Bordeaux. Paying attention to styles, winemakers, soils, and the most cutting-edge of trends, this book explains how to understand the wines of the world not in the classical way, but in the modern way--appellation by appellation, soil by soil, technique by technique--making it an essential reference and instant classic.

"This sharp critique of French winemakers,

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and Bordeaux's Saint Emilion region in particular, caused quite a stir when it was published in France in 2014" (Publishers Weekly). Already provoking debate and garnering significant attention across France and within the wine world, *Vino Business* is a "truly eye-opening exposé" of the dark side of French wine by acclaimed investigative journalist Isabelle Saporta (Booklist). In recent decades, Bordeaux has come under the influence of large-scale international investors. Unafraid to name names, Saporta

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sheds a harsh light on how this influence has corrupted the region's centuries-old traditions of winemaking excellence. She uncovers how the classification system was manipulated in 2012 to ensure that the wines of Saint-Émilion—Bordeaux's most prestigious appellation—were certified premier grand cru classé A. Giving extra points to a chateaux for the size of its parking lot, the quality of the wine itself counts for only thirty percent of that coveted rank. In other chapters, Saporta investigates issues of wine labeling and

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pesticides, and draws comparisons to Champagne, Burgundy, and the rest of the wine world. "This fast-paced, provocative read" is a cri de coeur for the lost values of traditional winemaking (Dave DeSimone, Pittsburgh Tribune Review).

The delight of Bacchus, wine has ever been man's solace and joy. Growing out of the poorest soil, the wild grape was tamed and blended over millennia to produce a royal beverage. But the nineteenth century brought a near revolution in the production of wine,

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In *War, Wine, and Taxes*, John Nye debunks

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the myth that Britain was a free-trade nation during and after the industrial revolution, by revealing how the British used tariffs—notably on French wine—as a mercantilist tool to politically weaken France and to respond to pressure from local brewers and others. The book reveals that Britain did not transform smoothly from a mercantilist state in the eighteenth century to a bastion of free trade in the late nineteenth. This boldly revisionist account gives the first satisfactory explanation of Britain's transformation from a

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minor power to the dominant nation in Europe. It also shows how Britain and France negotiated the critical trade treaty of 1860 that opened wide the European markets in the decades before World War I. Going back to the seventeenth century and examining the peculiar history of Anglo-French military and commercial rivalry, Nye helps us understand why the British drink beer not wine, why the Portuguese sold liquor almost exclusively to Britain, and how liberal, eighteenth-century Britain managed to raise taxes at an

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unprecedented rate—with government revenues growing five times faster than the gross national product. *War, Wine, and Taxes* stands in stark contrast to standard interpretations of the role tariffs played in the economic development of Britain and France, and sheds valuable new light on the joint role of commercial and fiscal policy in the rise of the modern state.

Grape Man of Texas is the first biography of Thomas Volney Munson (1843-1913), the internationally recognized horticulturist who

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developed over 300 new varieties of grapes, some of which are still grown today on almost every continent. He is perhaps best known for his work in fighting the phylloxera epidemic of the late nineteenth century, which nearly destroyed the world's vineyards. His solution—grafting vinifera onto certain resistant native rootstocks from Texas—earned him the Chevalier du Merite Agricole in the French Legion of Honor and numerous accolades. This second edition introduces new insights into the phylloxera

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period, Munson's many papers and publications, and his far-sighted grasp of the needs of twentieth century agriculture and transportation. It details the continuing influence of both his research and his hybrid grapes on modern viticulture and new varieties of vitis that have been bred from them around the world.

A social and cultural history of the drink that changed our lives

Grape Man of Texas

The Role of Geology, Climate and Culture in

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the Making of French Wines

Wine Drinking Culture in France

Vino Business

From the Beginnings to Prohibition

The Sober Revolution

An intoxicating memoir of an American who discovers a passion for French wine and gambles everything to chase a dream of owning a vineyard in Burgundy Ray Walker had a secure career in finance until a wine-tasting vacation ignited a passion he couldn't stifle. He quit his job and moved to France to start a winery—with little money, limited command of the

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French language, and no winemaking experience. He immersed himself in the extraordinary history of Burgundy's vineyards and began honing his skills. Ray shares his journey to secure the region's most coveted grapes. The Road to Burgundy is a glorious celebration of finding one's true path in life and taking a chance—whatever the odds.

Burgundy, Bordeaux, Champagne. The names of these and other French regions bring to mind time-honored winemaking practices. Yet the link between wine and place, in French known as terroir, was not a given. In The Sober Revolution, Joseph Bohling inverts our understanding of French wine history by revealing a

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modern connection between wine and place, one with profound ties to such diverse and sometimes unlikely issues as alcoholism, drunk driving, regional tourism, Algeria's independence from French rule, and integration into the European Economic Community. In the 1930s, cheap, mass-produced wines from the Languedoc region of southern France and French Algeria dominated French markets. Artisanal wine producers, worried about the impact of these "inferior" products on the reputation of their wines, created a system of regional appellation labeling to reform the industry in their favor by linking quality to the place of origin. At the same time, the loss of Algeria, once the

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*world's largest wine exporter, forced the industry to rethink wine production. Over several decades, appellation producers were joined by technocrats, public health activists, tourism boosters, and other dynamic economic actors who blamed cheap industrial wine for hindering efforts to modernize France. Today, scholars, food activists, and wine enthusiasts see the appellation system as a counterweight to globalization and industrial food. But, as *The Sober Revolution* reveals, French efforts to localize wine and integrate into global markets were not antagonistic but instead mutually dependent. The time-honored winemaking practices that we associate with a pastoral vision of*

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traditional France were in fact a strategy deployed by the wine industry to meet the challenges and opportunities of the post-1945 international economy. France's luxury wine producers were more market savvy than we realize.

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During the past eight decades French vineyards, wineries, and wine marketing efforts have undergone such profound changes--from technological, scientific, economic, and commercial standpoints--that the transformation is revolutionary for an industry dating back thousands of years. Here Leo Loubre examines how the modernization of Western society has brought about new conditions in well-established markets,

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making the introduction of novel techniques and processes a matter of survival for winegrowers. Not only does Loubre explain how altered environmental conditions have enabled pioneering enologists to create styles of wine more suited to contemporary tastes and living arrangements, but he also discusses the social impact of the wine revolution on the employees in the industry. The third generation of this new viticultural regime has encountered working and living conditions drastically different from those of its predecessors, while witnessing the near disappearance of the working class and the decline of small and medium growers of ordinary wines.

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*A History of Wine in America, Volume 1
The French Terroir*

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San Luis Obispo County Wine: A World-Class History

The Twentieth Century

Geografia Historica de la Viticultura Y Del Comercio

Del Vino

The Political Economy of Anglo-French Trade,

1689-1900

The Sommelier's Atlas of Taste

The wine world can be intimidating to people who are just starting out. French wines can add an additional layer of complexity given the different, and less familiar, ways the wines are classified. *Decoding French Wine: A Beginner's Guide to Enjoying the Fruits of the French Terroir* is a short, almost pocketbook guide, written to help early stage wine

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drinkers navigate the world of French wine so they feel comfortable opening up a French wine list and understand exactly what they are ordering and why. This new second edition of the book covers the prominent areas of Bordeaux, Loire, Burgundy, Alsace, Rhone, Languedoc-Roussillon and Champagne in a short, concise and clear manner, covering the necessary geography, history and practices of each region for readers to gain a fundamental understanding of wine growing throughout the country and begin to explore, and build a familiarity with, wines from each of these areas.

Reproduction of the original: The Red Inn by Honore de Balzac

Wine has a history far larger than that of any mere beverage.

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Present at the earliest recorded points of human history, it has been heralded as the height of sophistication or the depths of debauchery, a precious part of religious ritual or a free-flowing social lubricant. This new edition explores the tourism and terroir driven global industry of today and reaches as far back as Ancient Greece and Rome. On the way it stops at significant points of wine history including the birth of Champagne, Venice in the 17th century, trade in the Middle Ages, and more. Celebratory and thorough, *A Short History of Wine* never lets the scale of history--wars, fraud, blight, colonization, Prohibition--get in the way of a good story or notable bottle.

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Wine drinking culture in France has traditionally been a source of pride for the French and in an age of concerns about the dangers of 'binge-drinking', a major cause of jealousy for the British. Wine drinking and the culture associated with it are, for many, an essential part of what it means to be French, but they are also part of a national construction. Described by some as a national product, or as a 'totem drink', wine and its attendant cultures supposedly characterise Frenchness in much the same way as being born in France, fighting for liberty or speaking French. Yet this traditional picture is now being challenged by economic, social and political forces that have

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transformed consumption patterns and led to the fragmentation of wine drinking culture.

From Bacchus to Bordeaux and Beyond

Appellation Wine and the Transformation of France

Wine and the Rise and Fall of French Algeria

Land and Wine

A Multinational Unleashed

The Cloudy World of French Wine

Gastronomic Tales of Revolution, War, and Enlightenment

Wine production in south-west France goes back a long way. The region includes some of the first districts in France (notably Gaillac) to be planted with

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vines, by the Romans more than two thousand years ago. It is also the earliest-known location of scores of grape varieties, some of them precursors of international varieties such as Malbec and Cabernet Franc. Although today south-west France is the fourth region of France in terms of wine production very few wine consumers are familiar with more than two or three of its appellations. Cahors and Madiran are well-known appellations but we don't hear (or read) much about less fashionable appellations such as Rosette and Béarn. As a result the wines generally command relatively low prices. This book

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covers all the important aspects of south-west France in an accessible way. Although it includes the mass-produced wines of the region it focuses on quality wines made in more limited volumes. Although a number of the appellations of south-west France share similar climatic conditions (such as the influence of the Atlantic), the many small AOPs vary significantly in soils and topography, grape varieties, and the styles of wines they produce. They range from the botrytized sweet whites of Monbazillac to the teeth-staining reds of Cahors, from the distinctive dry whites of Jurançon

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to the tannic reds of Madiran. Phillips begins with a brief history of the region and provides an overview of the region today before considering the wines of the various sub-regions in turn, including land and climate, grape varieties, wine styles, and wine law, together with entries on their most notable producers.

A completely hand-painted guide on French wines. In this busy age when nobody has the time to read volumes, this is a book filled with colorful illustrations with a bit of history, a bit of fun facts, on how to read French wine labels and the major wine-producing

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regions in France. Bordeaux? Bourgogne? Château? Domaine? Rosé? All explained in an Urban Sketching style.

Winemaking is as old as civilization itself and wine has always been more than just a drink. For thousands of years, from its origins in ancient Mesopotamia to its current status as a vast global industry, the history of wine has been directly related to major social, cultural, religious and economic changes. This fascinating and entertaining book takes a look at 100 bottles that mark a significant change in the evolution of wine and winemaking and

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captures the innovations and discoveries that have had the biggest impact on the history of 'bottled poetry'. From goatskin to the German Ratskeller casks and invention of the glass wine bottle, from the short onion-shaped bottles of the 1720s to the tall cylindrical bottles of the 1780s, why Bordeaux, Burgundy and Hoch have their own distinctive bottle shape to the distinctive Paul Masson carafe of the 1970s. Other stories cover the first cork-topped bottles to screw caps, bag-in-box, cans and cartons, early wine labels once glue was strong enough, the first wine labels to be produced by a vineyard (and

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not a merchant as previously) and commissioned artwork by the 20th century's most iconic artists for labels on high-end bottles; historically important and unique bottles: the oldest unopened, the most expensive sold at auction, the rarest; wines from the oldest vineyard in production, from the driest place on earth, from the highest and lowest vineyards and the most northern and southern. Oz Clarke also writes about the people who have influenced wine through the centuries, from the medieval Cistercian monks of Burgundy who first thought of place as an important aspect of wine's identity, through

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scientists like Pasteur and Peynaud who improved key technical aspects of winemaking, to 20th-century giants like Robert Mondavi and Robert Parker Jr. Oz also talks about famous vintages, from the 1727 Rudesheimer Apostelwein to the first Montana Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc in 1979 and today's cult wines from Bordeaux and California. Word Count - 55,000

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quality. He also looks at cultural influences such as migration and trade and at the adaptations made by centuries of vigneron to produce distinctive wine styles. Wilson skillfully presents both technical information and personal anecdotes, and the book's photographs, maps, and geologic renderings are extremely helpful. The appendices contain a glossary and information on the labeling of French wines. With a wealth of information explained in clear English, Wilson's book enables wine readers to understand and appreciate the mystique of terroir. Variousy regarded as a sacred, religious drink,

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inebriant, and even the work of the Devil, wine has always been much more than a commodity. From its origins in ancient Mesopotamia to its present incarnation as a vast, multinational business, wine has consistently generated passions that verge on mania. In *A Short History of Wine*, Rod Phillips sets out to tell the story of wine in the Western world with all its grandeurs and miseries. Packed with fascinating stories, unexpected insights, and the myriad tricks of the trade, *A Short History of Wine* is an essential book for anyone who treats wine with the zeal it deserves. Phillips re-creates each of the

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great eras of wine production, from the prehistoric fruits of the Fertile Crescent to this decade's explosion of the consumer wine culture with its varied values and palates, and vividly conveys the sheer magnitude of wine consumption and enjoyment. Among the many engaging themes that Phillips explores is the endless struggle between nature and nurture -- is wine the pure product of the grape, or should it be enhanced by the addition of other substances? He revisits times when wine was a favorite among the American Founding Fathers (Ben Franklin praised it, as a God-given boon), and

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he sheds light on wine's enemies, both natural and human, recalling dark times when disease struck vineyards, counterfeiting and fraud ran rampant, and anti-alcohol movements peaked. Spanning the globe from Hunter Valley to the Rhine, from Napa Valley to Burgundy (not overlooking Peru and Ohio), *A Short History of Wine* is an astonishingly enjoyable guide to the social, cultural, and economic worlds inside a bottle.

The Red Inn

The Wine Revolution in France

Tasting French Terroir

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Champagne, History of French Wine, Judgment of Paris, Grenache, Malbec, Classification of Saint-Émilion Wine, Straw Wine, Great French Winegrowing and Regional Features
Distinctive Vintages and Their Estates
The French Wine Bible

Under French rule, majority Muslim Algeria became one of the world's largest wine producers. Owen White explores the impact of the wine industry on what was France's most important possession--and on the Algerians for whom grapevines became a hated symbol of colonial exploitation.

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"Meticulously researched history—look[s] at how wine and Western civilization grew up together." —Dave McIntyre, Washington Post Because science and technology have opened new avenues for vintners, our taste in wine has grown ever more diverse. Wine is now the subject of careful chemistry and global demand. Paul Lukacs recounts the journey of wine through history—how wine acquired its social cachet, how vintners discovered the twin importance of place and grape, and how a basic need evolved into a realm of choice.

This work explains how nationhood emerges by

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viewing countries as cultural artifacts, a product of "invented traditions." In the case of France, scholars disagree, not only over the nature of French national identity but also over the extent to which diverse and sometimes hostile provincial communities became integrated into the nation. The author offers a new perspective by looking at one of the central elements in French national culture -- luxury wine -- and the rural communities that profited from its production. The remarkable untold story of France's courageous, clever vintners who protected and rescued the country's most treasured commodity

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from German plunder during World War II. "To be a Frenchman means to fight for your country and its wine." — Claude Terrail, owner, Restaurant La Tour d'Argent In 1940, France fell to the Nazis and almost immediately the German army began a campaign of pillaging one of the assets the French hold most dear: their wine. Like others in the French Resistance, winemakers mobilized to oppose their occupiers, but the tale of their extraordinary efforts has remained largely unknown—until now. This is the thrilling and harrowing story of the French wine producers who undertook ingenious, daring

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measures to save their cherished crops and bottles as the Germans closed in on them. Wine and War illuminates a compelling, little-known chapter of history, and stands as a tribute to extraordinary individuals who waged a battle that, in a very real way, saved the spirit of France.

Looks at an event held in 1976 in which French judges, during a blind taste-test, chose unknown California wines to be superior to France's best wines. Reprint. 50,000 first printing.

A Short History of Wine
Wine and War

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Inventing Wine: A New History of One of the World's Most Ancient Pleasures

The History of Wine in France and Italy in the Nineteenth Century

Wine and the Making of a National Identity

When Champagne Became French

A New History of One of the World's Most Ancient Pleasures

Very few books have products as diverse as those of the grape vine: even fewer have products with such a cultural significance. Wine and the Vine provides an introduction to the historical geography of viticulture and

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the wine trade from prehistory to the present. It considers wine as both a unique expression of the interaction of people in a particular environment, rich in symbol and meaning, and a commercial product of great economic importance to particular regions.

This book explores the origins and significance of the French concept of terroir, demonstrating that the way the French eat their food and drink their wine today derives from a cultural mythology that developed between the Renaissance and the Revolution. Through close readings and an examination of little-known texts from diverse disciplines, Thomas Parker traces terroir ' s evolution, providing insight into how gastronomic mores

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were linked to aesthetics in language, horticulture, and painting and how the French used the power of place to define the natural world, explain comportment, and frame France as a nation.

The little cottage stood out against a bleak skyline, forlorn, empty, neglected and overgrown. After a three-year search, could it be just what a retired English couple were looking for as a holiday home of their own? A magical holiday to rural France with their children some years before had sowed the seeds of a daring plan for Brenda and Ray Barrington – to spend the early years of their retirement buying and restoring a cottage in the French countryside for use as a maison secondaire.

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Their budget and time were limited, but their enthusiasm and determination were boundless. The couple soon found themselves deeply engrossed in their dream project and discovering the full ramifications of owning a rural property deep in the land of wine and haute cuisine. Unique, astonishingly comprehensive, and with over 8,000 French wines selected from 28,000 tasted blind, this ultimate guide offers irresistibly tempting suggestions. Each entry includes 20 separate pieces of information-many given in compact symbols and found in this book alone-and there are four indexes, so you can look up a wine by its name, producer, appellation, or commune. For every winemaking region in France, you'll

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get the latest news on the past year's vintage.

"A survey of the long-term history of wine in France, this is a readable and relatively compact history of the 2,500 years that separate the present from the time that Etruscans, Greeks, and Romans first brought to ancient France and planted the first vineyards there. The book traces this long history at a number of levels: the expansion and contraction of regional and national vineyard areas; long- and short-term changes in the volumes of wine produced; the effects of long- and short-term climate shifts on viticulture and wine production; the emergence of recognizable wine regions and designated appellations; changing methods of viticulture and

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winemaking; the marketing of wine locally and regionally within France and internationally; the reception of wine on domestic and foreign markets; the diverging levels of quality and the emergence of prestigious wine regions and estates; the evolving definition of terroir; the regulation of wine production and sales and the prevention of fraud; patterns of wine consumption in France; and the relationship of wine to gender, class, health, religion, and identity in France."--Provided by publisher.

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A Field Guide to the Great Wines of Europe

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Ancient Rome and Wine, History of French Wine, History of Champagne, History of Portuguese Wine, History of South African Wine, Ancie

One of Smithsonian magazine 's "Ten Best Books About Travel of 2018" One of AFAR magazine 's "8 New Books You Need to Read Before Flying to France" A "delicious" (Dorie Greenspan), "genial" (Kirkus Reviews), "very cool book about the intersections of food and history" (Michael

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Pollan)—as featured in the New York Times Acclaimed upon its hardcover publication as a “culinary treat for Francophiles” (Publishers Weekly), *A Bite-Sized History of France* is a thoroughly original book that explores the facts and legends of the most popular French foods and wines. Traversing the cuisines of France’s most famous cities as well as its underexplored regions, the book is enriched by the “authors’ friendly accessibility that makes these stories so memorable” (The New York Times Book Review). This innovative social history also explores the impact of war and imperialism, the

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age-old tension between tradition and innovation, and the enduring use of food to prop up social and political identities. The origins of the most legendary French foods and wines—from Roquefort and cognac to croissants and Calvados, from absinthe and oysters to Camembert and champagne—also reveal the social and political trends that propelled France’s rise upon the world stage. As told by a Franco-American couple (Stéphane is a cheesemonger, Jeni is an academic) this is an “impressive book that intertwines stories of gastronomy, culture, war, and revolution. . . . It’s a

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roller coaster ride, and when you 're done you 'll wish you could come back for more” (The Christian Science Monitor).

Wine

The Blood of the Colony

An Illustrated Guide to French Wines

Terroir

Decoding French Wine

The History of an Idea

The Red and the White