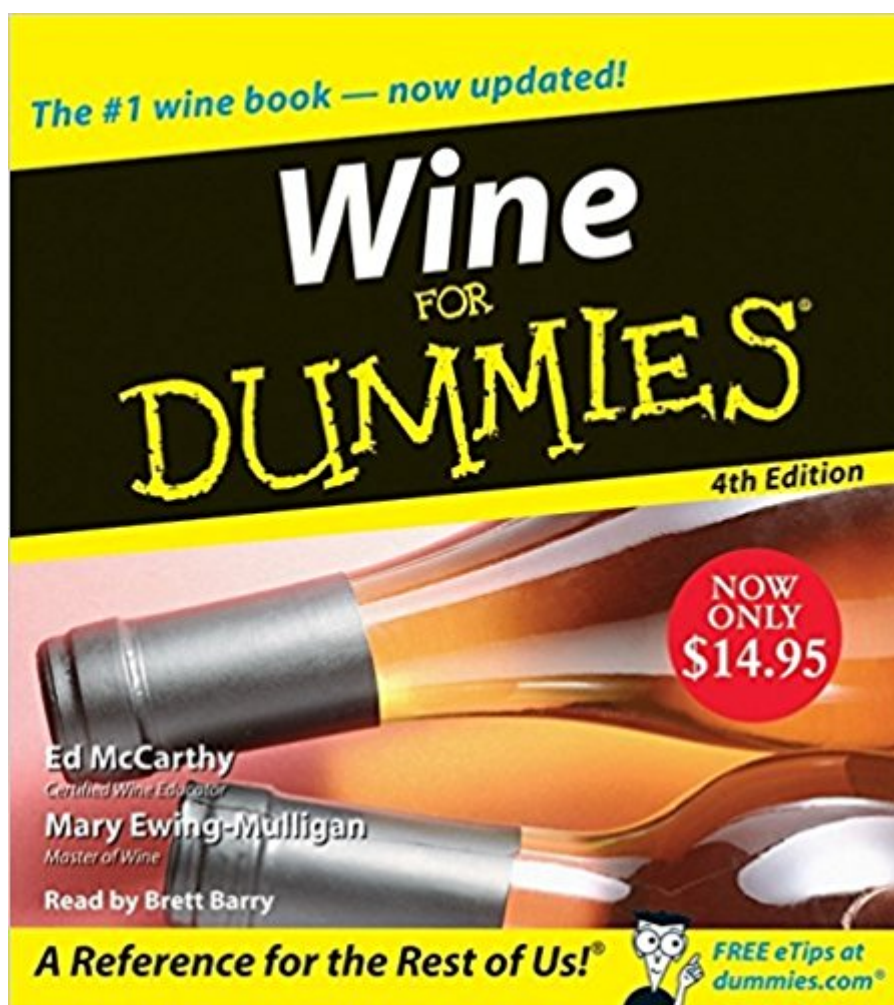


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The plain-English guide that demystifies wineChoose good, affordable wines from the United States, Europe, Chile, Australia, and elsewhereThis down-to-earth guide cuts through wine snobbery and tells you what's in, what's out, and what's new in wine. This update of the bestselling For Dummies® classic covers everything from established and emerging wine regions to pairing wine with food to collecting wine. Here's to fun, relaxed wine exploration and enjoyment!Discover how to:Understand grape varieties and wine stylesDecipher wine lists and wine labelsSelect, store, open, pour, and enjoy wine

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Customer Reviews

If your idea of a good wine means that it doesn't have a screw top, but you genuinely want to learn more about the corked types, this is the book for you! This book takes much of the mystery out of WHY wine snobs do some of that silly looking stuff while at the same time pointing out which of those things are worth the effort and which aren't. Additionally, it turned out to be an invaluable reference for starting to look at the shelves in the local liquor store. The time prior to reading this book, I picked wines based on who had the prettiest label - while I did get one really good wine out of that batch, it wasn't a very dependable method. The next trip, I took a list I had made from this book and have been MUCH happier with the results. In the end, this is an excellent reference book and it does a great job of demystifying the rites and ritual of wine. I highly recommend it!

Wine For Dummies is an excellent beginners textbook on the subject. It covers a broad range of topics and concerns that the complete novice will have no problem understanding. After reading this book thoroughly, one can immediately feel comfortable ordering and discussing a variety of wine types. Two really important points the book makes concerning the seemingly mysterious world of wine are: 1) No one in the world knows everything about wine. 2) I am my own best judge of wine quality. This book is a great springboard to more in-depth reading about the whole wine industry.

You will actually learn a lot from this entry in the "...for Dummies" series. It lacks the rigor and scholarship of most of the "...for Dummies" books, but you'll know more when you finish it than you did before you started. You'll learn that most wine flavors are actually aromas, you'll learn about tannins, what is in balance in a "balanced" wine, what oak barrels do, and even what malolactic fermentation is (it's what makes Chardonnay "buttery.") You'll definitely learn what grapes are used to make our familiar wines, and you'll learn technical terms, like "extract," and "foxy." You'll learn the difference between "fermented" in oak, versus "aged" in oak. And you'll learn all about corkscrews. Unfortunately, the authors' efforts to lighten the subject with humor completely fails; it seems slapstick after the interesting material they cover. One of the authors' primary messages is that wine is a matter of taste, and we should all have the confidence to make up our own minds. They help us with the vocabulary we'll need to communicate our conclusions to others, and they convey their affection for their specialty. You may roll your eyeballs when they gush over France and French wines, but we actually do owe the French our gratitude for its contribution to viniculture. Read "Wine for Dummies" to fill in the gaps in your knowledge, and skip the jokes.

I live in N.E. MN and although I study wines, I never knew how to pronounce those names! Wine for dummies provides a pronunciation guide that is easy to follow (and accurate!) Thanks for making me appear more "than a dummy!"

Very good book. Describes many aspects of the world of wine in a way that doesn't require previous knowledge. Also, not the least bit pretentious or arrogant. For anyone interested in wine, this is a great start.

Very enjoyable! I immediately bought French Wine for dummies and did the practical requirements of this "study" too and caught-me-up on all things wine. See - there's TWO flavours! There's a white

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I really enjoy this book. I am new to the wine scene visiting local wineries for tastings and purchases. The info i have gotten so far makes me feel comfortable in that setting. It has helped me enjoy myself and feel empowered. I really like the tips in the sidebars a very easy read.

This is an interesting book. It contains a lot of useful information regarding wine. However, I think it contains way too much information. I should have listened to some of the other reviewers. This isn't the book I was hoping it would be. It goes into such extensive detail about everything, from the type of wine glasses I should be drinking from to the names of grapes and their subspecies. I was hoping for a more curtailed version, something that would get more to the point. I am very disappointed. I will keep the book as a reference, but I don't know if I really retained anything from this book.

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