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Filled with practical information on everything anyone would need to know about wine, this wonderfully illustrated reference book will appeal to the novice as well as the serious wine enthusiast. Subjects such as reading a wine label, selecting wine, storing, uncorking, decanting, and serving are all carefully explained and illustrated.

For the serious enthusiast, the greatest value of this book will be its comprehensive coverage of the wine-producing regions of the world. Each section begins with a beautiful color illustration of the area, with the major districts, rivers, and cities highlighted. A short history and analysis of each region follows, with a discussion of the types of wines produced in each district, the specific oenological properties that make the region unique, and the appellations of the area. Though a fairly large book (more than 600 pages), this would be an invaluable reference to bring along on your next wine-tasting trip--whether that takes you to The Rhone, Burgundy, Napa, or Walla Walla.

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Interest in wine shows no signs of diminishing, and wine encyclopedias appear to be keeping pace. This latest, edited by a wine expert of almost two decades, focuses on European--primarily French--viticulture, with overviews of the Americas, Australia, New Zealand, and "the rest of the world." Each zone includes a discussion of its major wine producers, a map, photographs, and unique minutiae. Just as useful is the emphasis on self-education: reading labels; decanting, tasting, selecting, keeping, and serving wine; evaluating corkscrews and glasses; and forming wine and food partnerships. The section on wine-making is fascinating, and readers should find the page on ordering in restaurants very helpful. At the end, there are charts of vintages and of criteria and regulations for quality wine status. The seven pages of wine production statistics seem a bit removed from the book's more sensual purpose, and the glossary favors European spelling, e.g. "oenology." Nevertheless, this is a versatile addition to public libraries. [See also *The Oxford Companion to Wine*, LJ 12/94.-Ed.]--Wendy Miller, Lexington P.L., Ken.

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