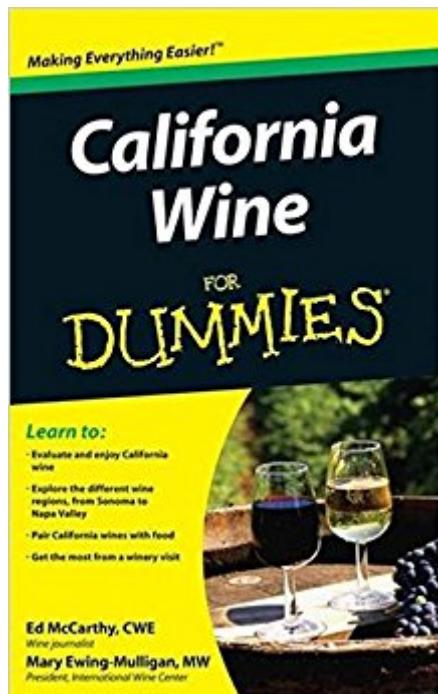


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# California Wine For Dummies



## Synopsis

Discover the nuances of California wines and increase your drinking pleasure Want to be a California wine connoisseur? This friendly guide gives you the knowledge you need to appreciate these fine wines, showing you how to taste them, select a good bottle, pair wine with food, and much more. You'll see why certain wine regions are renowned and how to further enrich your wine-drinking experience. California wine 101; understand the range of California wines, what makes them unique, and what a varietal wine is Review the regions; explore the major wine regions of California and what makes each one special, from the soil to the climate Open the bottle; become fluent in the Big Six: Chardonnay, Sauvignon Blanc, Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Pinot Noir, and Zinfandel Go beyond the basics; appreciate Pinot Grigio, Viognier, Syrah, sparkling wines, and more Round out your wine experience; pair and share wines, learn about the proper glassware and serving temperatures, and prepare for a winery visit Open the book and find: An overview of California wine today Wine recommendations for all budgets Explanations of wine label language A map of wine regions Tips for aging and collecting California wines Winery tasting etiquette The ins and outs of recent vintages Top wine country travel destinations

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## Customer Reviews

Ed McCarthy, CWE, is a wine columnist for WineReviewOnline.com and for Beverage Media. Mary Ewing-Mulligan, MW, is President of the International Wine Center in New York. Together, they are

the authors of many For Dummies wine guides, including the perennial bestseller Wine For Dummies.

The book was entertaining and informative. I particularly liked the discussions of major grape types and the lists of recommended wines by price range. The discussions of each major wine region in California were great but a negative was that just one paragraph was devoted to the Temecula Valley.

Haven't finished reading but good info . . .

Why on earth does force one to review non-fiction with words used to describe only fiction? (so I just clicked the first descriptor in each category - pay no attention) Anyway, this book is for extreme beginners and I found it thin and not really very informative. It seems to be written for people who have never heard that California makes wines.

If you're well seasoned novice or an old pro, this book is entertaining and informative. I originally bought it as a reference book, researching for a book I'm writing, but soon found myself in the wine aisles of a local liquor store testing out many of the wines talked about in the book. Easy to understand and enjoyable as just a read. C. J. Parker

This is a great overview of California wines. It is written in a very friendly tone. Read this before your next wine tasting trip and you will be armed with knowledge to make the most of your experience. California Wine for Dummies helped to take my knowledge of wine to the next level.

Details various varietals and blends of CA wine. Differentiates types well but doesn't bore you with every detail. Presents it in interesting way to reader who wants well-rounded basic understanding of CA wine. This edition is a few years old though.

The reviews cannot be for this sample. The material is basically the same as in the book wine for dummies, there is absolutely nothing new in this scam. Is not the dollar it cost is more the sucker punch.

I first started learning about wine about 10 years ago. I have found this book very informative, written in layman's terms, and is to the point. I use it frequently. I just wish there would be annual

updates on the wine recommendations, maybe via a subscription that I would gladly endorse!

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