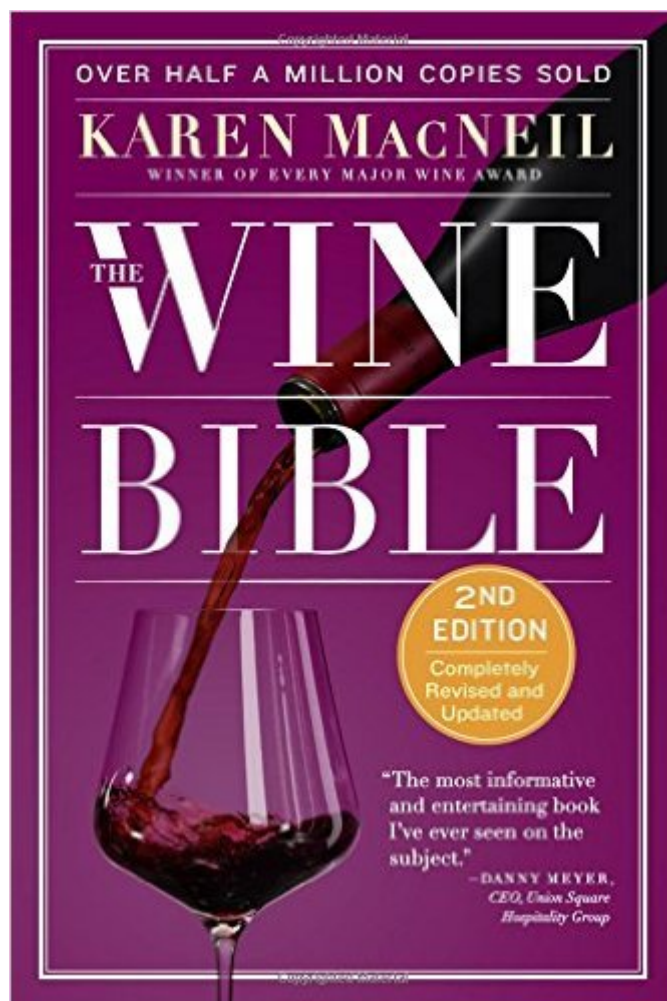


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The Wine Bible



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Announcing the completely revised and updated edition of *The Wine Bible*, the perennial bestselling wine book praised as “The most informative and entertaining book I’ve ever seen on the subject” (Danny Meyer), “A guide that has all the answers” (Bobby Flay), “Astounding” (Thomas Keller), and “A magnificent masterpiece of wine writing” (Kevin Zraly). Like a lively course from an expert teacher, *The Wine Bible* grounds the reader deeply in the fundamentals while layering on informative asides, tips, amusing anecdotes, definitions, glossaries, photos (all new for this edition), maps, labels, and recommended bottles. Karen MacNeil’s information comes directly through primary research; for this second edition she has tasted more than 10,000 wines and visited dozens of wine regions around the world. New to the book are wines of China, Japan, Mexico, and Slovenia. And through it all the reader becomes ever more informed—and, because of the author’s unique voice, always entertained: “In great years Pinotrus is ravishing, elegant, and rich” Ingrid Bergman in red satin. Or, describing a Riesling: “A laser beam. A sheet of ice. A great crackling bolt of lightning.”

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“Not everyone can stay engaging, witty, fascinating, knowledgeable and both literary and light for 1000 pages. For that, you need Karen MacNeil. If you want to be (or sound) wine-savvy on a global scale, this book is a must.” Paste Magazine “A masterpiece of wine writing. Karen MacNeil has taken her three decades’ worth of experience

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Karen MacNeil is the only U.S. winner of every major wine award in the English language, including the James Beard Outstanding Wine and Spirits Professional of the Year (2004). She is the host of *Wine, Food and Friends with Karen MacNeil* (PBS nationally); a writer whose work has appeared in *The New York Times*, *Food & Wine*, *Saveur*, and *Town & Country*; and chairman emeritus of the Rudd Center for Professional Wine Studies at the Culinary Institute of America in Napa Valley. As a consultant, Karen creates wine seminars for corporate clients, including Lexus, Merrill Lynch, Disney, and GE. She lives in St. Helena, California, and online at karenmacneil.com.

I bought the first edition of this incredible tome in 2015. As an ardent winelover for the past fifty years, I fully appreciate the dedication and passion that went into writing it. But MacNeil didn't just write it, she submitted the chapters to literally dozens of experts in their specialty for review. That is how it took TEN years to write! How good was it? Good enough to take a two pound book with me to the Basque Country of Spain! I own more than a dozen wine books, most of which gather dust on my bookshelf...not that one, it is a constant companion! Imagine, a book that took TEN years to write, TEN years ago, and is still valuable. Wait, isn't that a bible? If you read the reviews of it, you

will find only two complaints: when will she write a new edition, and the weight. Oh, one more: why nothing on Temecula wines? Finally, ten years and 4,000 pages of manuscript later, we got our wish...and more, because of all the changes, THE most valuable is the Kindle edition! Portable, quick and easy to search, and dozens of other new features. As a wine advocate and aficionado who is a blogger and is working on a book project on wine, or more accurately the passion of the people who make them, this is a huge help to me. I have been asked what wines I would take if I was going to a deserted island. I cannot narrow the list down, but as for what wine book I would take, this is it! Oh, and even Temecula gets mentioned, as well as upcoming regions like Slovenia! Thank you, Karen!

Energetic resource, educational, & fun. The pages are a different texture than the last one, which is a little weird, but still enjoyable to read. I purchased one for myself, some as gifts, & the online edition as well (as opposed to ripping out pages to travel, as I did the last edition). I read a few bad reviews about KM's style. NOTE: this is NOT Sotheby's Wine Encyclopedia, HJ's Wine Companion, Broadbent's Great Vintage Wine Book, or Oxford's Companion, etc etc (all of which I love & use). This IS infotainment. The first edition was a gift, which inspired me to research further & become a Sommelier (meh, why not). It also informed me of a fun way to travel. I started going to the wineries she recommended & having the food pairings as well. Traveling to Jerez and enjoying gambas al ajillo (garlic shrimp) with manzanilla while breathing the salty ocean air...I got that idea from this book, & the retelling of it, helped me pass my last Exam. If you're boring, this book isn't the right pairing for you. But if you want the knowledge of the wine world to be as alive as the wine itself...If you're not sure, sample her blog.

The Wine bible is one of our text books in a Stanford University on-line class: The geology and wines of California and France. The "bible" is packed with useful information and is easy to read and filled with cross references and back stories that enliven the topics. If you have any kind of a question about wine, vineyards, wine history, terroir, wine regions, wine making, tasting terms, and seemingly anything else about wine, you will find the answer and more in the MacNeil's thoroughly referenced book.

I am in the wine business and writing about wine all the time to make journalists' life as easy as possible. This book is my go to source for fact checking. Karen MacNeil is one of the most trusted sources in this country for information on everything wine, the way the Larousse des Vins or the

Encyclopedie des Vins et Alcools from Alexis Lichine was for me when I first started in the biz 30 years ago, except it is talking about wines from all over the world, not just France. And for the ones who are looking to learn more about wine, it is well organized, easy to digest and extremely comprehensive, while including witty bits and visuals throughout. Highly recommended.

I love this! There's so much info. You can read it straight through, or you can select different chapters/subjects that appeal to you at any given moment. On the one hand, I wish there were more color pictures, but on the other had more color would send the price up and I think the price is excellent for so much content.

TTThis is a great book if you are starting out to learn about wines I bought it because I was taking a wine course and it was super helpful. It reads well where you do not feel like you are reading a boring textbook. BIG plus. It talks about different countries and their wines. Well the ones that are the most popular that you would come by. It brings you in first by asking what is a good wine? It goes through the process of wine making about the soil, loctaions, and the length of time the wine stays in oak to create the different flavours. It also talks about the grapes that make the wine and how that gives the flavour. It gives you wine terms not only in English but also in other languages. So YES you can sound fancy when speaking "wine" with others ;) I say buy it.

I was so thrilled to get this newly revised version of The Wine Bible and Karen MacNeil did a wonderful updated version. I loved the first version and read and reread parts of it, to learn about wines and their regions. This revised version has a lot of updated information. Two good examples are the sections on American wines and New Zealand wines. Virginia has been improving in their wines for some years and Karen MacNeil has brand new comments and suggestions about them, with specific recommendations. For New Zealand, which has been a greatly up and coming region, and this no version has a lot of new information about it. There is no book out there like the Wine Bible. The author goes into such great detail about to compare regions, explaining fascinating cultural or historical regional information to particular wines or grapes.

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