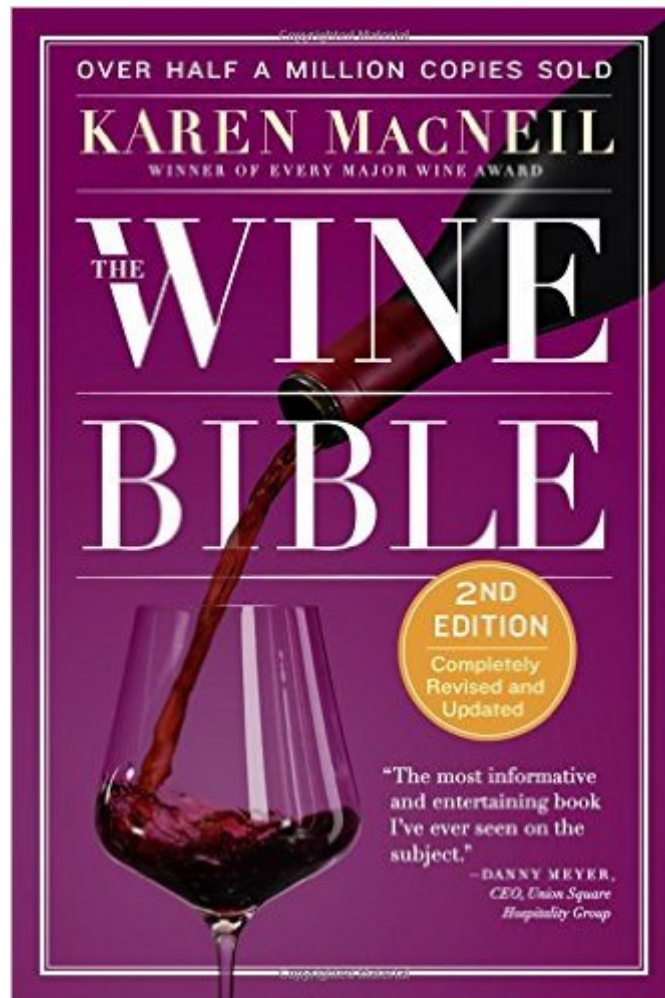


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The Wine Bible



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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 Pinot 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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Customer Reviews

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!

The Wine Bible is positioned between Dummies guide and reference books such as Sotheby's Wine Encyclopedia Sotheby's Wine Encyclopedia. The book is packed with useful wine knowledge and their colourful history. Important wine terms and facts were highlighted in boxes. Introduction to local food and their pairings were also included in most famous wine regions. The latest update reflected today's wine market. As wine drinkers become more adventurous, the Wine Bible offered handy introduction to new wine producing regions such as Slovenia, Georgia (not exactly a new region), and even Asian countries. The Wine Bible was good in describing different wine styles but it did not recommend enough actual wine brands to try.

I'd been looking forward to this new edition of the Wine Bible and it did not disappoint. Great updates and expansive new information. It sits on my coffee table, convenient for quick reads when time permits. That is the beauty of the book. I work in the retail wine industry and this book is necessary. I also recommend it to my regular customers who want to increase their wine knowledge because of the approachable style of the content. Good job, Karen!

So after becoming a chef and working in kitchens, catering, private chef, and now a culinary school educator I thought it would be fun to obtain a sommelier degree. Yes, I love to punish myself! I am training for my level two sommelier degree now and working with a "Master Sommelier", and without this book (and many others) I would not be here. This book is a flood of information laid out in a very readable format. I have multiple books on wine, and wine making as I began to make wines several

years ago. I had a first edition copy of this book but at the time it did not help me much in my wine making operation so I sold it. Dumb, I will never sell or give away any food and beverage books again. I now own both copies again, and cannot put them down. A thousand page book is usually a shelf sitter but not this one. The first 150 pages are loaded with information on varietals, vinification, terroir, tasting, pairing, and a little on the making of as well. Then you hit the chapter on France, WOW, 200 pages of French wines. I guess once you learn there are around 10,000.....yes 10,000 wines worldwide you soon realize you have ALOT to learn. The section on Italy and their 3,300 different varietals is mind blowing but very interesting and informative. If you want to learn more on this luscious, and beautiful beverage that has been around since 8,000 BC, this is the book to own. As a hobby, collector, maker, or just enthusiast, this is a book for your library. I would have paid double the price for the wealth of information loaded into this easy sized reader. Overwhelming to the beginner, but worth it. Just buy it, you will not be disappointed!

Great book - a bargain considering the amount of work (over 1000 pages). Highly recommended! If you want just one book covering the subject in all gritty details, get this one. But then you probably already know this given all the other five-star reviews praising The Wine Bible :-). PS: In addition to this book (after all, you probably won't read the 1000 pages in one go) I recommend the following movie documentaries covering wine and wine regions:- Mondovino (2004) - Critical documentary- Red Obsession (2013) - Global wine business and China's influence (These two movies work well back to back)- Sideways (2004) - Feature film, not a documentary.- "A Year In...." Trilogy (A Year in Champagne, A Year in Burgundy, A Year in Port is forthcoming in 2016)- Somm (2012)- Somm: Into the Bottle (2015) PS: Somm 2012 is probably the least interesting of the bunch for a wide audience (since it focuses on wine exams and personal stories), but it's still worth watching. Otherwise, skip the 2012 film and just watch the 2015 Somm movie where you will find some interviewees featured again.

Karen MacNeil has an incredible gift in conveying the facts about wine in such an eloquent manner. She blends together the facts, geography, people, and most importantly the wines of the world in a way like no one else does. I picked up the first edition of her book years ago when I started my career in wine and the new, improved, updated addition has proved to be the perfect supplement as I study for my CSW.

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