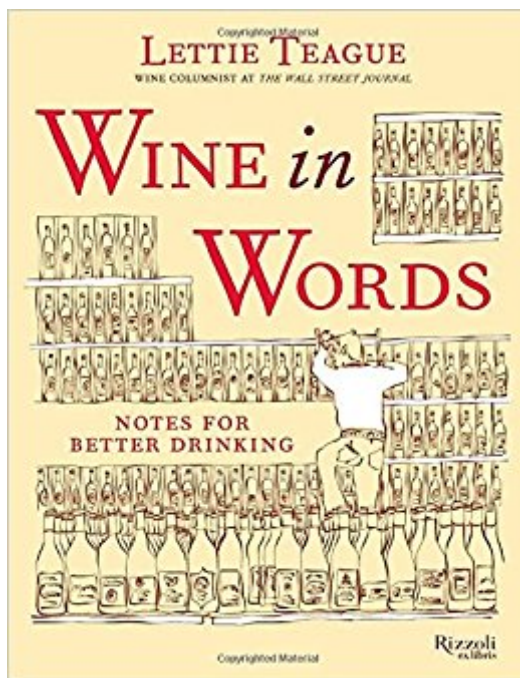


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Wine In Words: Notes For Better Drinking



Synopsis

Delectably brief essays that tell you only what you need to know to enjoy wine. There are wine encyclopedias, bibles, and guidesâ ”this is not one of those books. It doesnâ™t contain everything, just the really important stuff: the truly key wines, grapes, regions; tips about wine buying, aging, and storage; and useful explanations about tasting notes and whether or not vintages really matter. In short, this book covers the real absolutes that you need to know about wine. With the pithy wit that readers of her columns have come to expect, Lettie Teague breaks down the stumbling blocks that often intimidate us and clears up the myths that cloud our understanding. A series of mini-essays cover the essentials in a fun, omnibus fashion. The tone is sometimes irreverent, sometimes opinionated, but always practical. For instance, there are entries such as "The Unbearable Oakiness of Being," "Can Wedding Wine Be Good," and "Why You Really Need Only One Glass." Other entries may provoke some lively debate, such as "Men Are from Cab, Women Are from Moscato" and "In Defense of Wine Snobs." The opposite of a didactic textbook, this volume is not meant to be read from start to finish. Instead, like wine itself, it encourages small contemplative sips. It is a companion for the modern taster, a concise and curated collection of tidbits to satisfy anyone with a lively curiosity and palate.

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chapter at a time or consulted as a handy reference on pairings (contrary to longstanding guff, for instance, white wines go better with cheese than reds), demystifying terminology (there's one word you should never use when describing a wine's texture and I'm not going to give it away), and the world's great wine regions...THE WASHINGTON TIMES By Aram Bakshian Jr. August 26, 2015

Samuel Johnson reminded us that one of the disadvantages of wine is that it "makes a man mistake words for thoughts." Over the years, many a thoughtless word has been written about wine, ranging from uninformed blather to pretentious pontificating. All the more reason to be grateful for "Wine in Words" by Lettie Teague, wine columnist for The Wall Street Journal. In this brief, winning collection of miniature essays, Ms. Teague shares her knowledge of and love for wine with an easy charm and a sure touch.

Lettie Teague, author and wine columnist for The Wall Street Journal, also has a new book, "Wine in Words." Teague's light and entertaining read offers five essential words: acidity, aroma, balance, structure and texture. Knowing these five words may not lead to a better understanding of wine, Teague points out, but use of these words will make it sound like you do.

Pat Kettles The Anniston Star Aug 19, 2015 "The perfect book for oenophiles and oenophobes alike. Fun facts, crisp writing, and no pretensions. Lettie Teague has written the first and only wine book I could read from beginning to end without getting a hangover. Wine in Words should be on every bookshelf in America."

Nelson DeMille, novelist

Nora Ephron had been a wine journalist, her work would read like that of Lettie Teague.

Peter Hellman, journalist, The New York Sun "Lettie Teague's Wine in Words can be joyfully paired with every reader who is seeking brilliant, entertaining, and incisive writing about all things wine."

Drew Nieporent, restaurateur, Tribeca Grill, Nobu, B&O "Lettie Teague is a true original" witty, articulate, and in love with wine as well as fascinating people...One of America's most gifted commentators on all things about wine.

Robert M. Parker Jr., founder, The Wine Advocate "Wine writer Lettie Teague is known for her blunt, chatty style that demystifies the cult of the grape without diluting its allure" has once again taken issue with highfalutin attitudes about the wine world. In her new book, Wine in Words, the Wall Street Journal wine columnist offers beginners a primer on the basics of acidity and structure, and gives wine snobs a piece of her mind. In quick-reading essays akin to small sips, Teague redeems Chablis, decries 'wine charms,' and wonders aloud about the future of wine in the state that spawned Snookie (hint: New Jersey.)" -Associated Press

"With ruminations on everything from wine regions to winery dogs, Wine in Words is an engaging read from a critic who is both knowledgeable and relatable. She's aware of the ABC (Anything But Chardonnay) club, has come to learn that wine can sometimes 'just be an adjunct to a meal,' and is wise to the practice of regifting bottles. Hence, her rules for getting it right." -Vogue.com

Lettie Teague is the wine columnist at The Wall Street Journal and the winner of three James Beard Awards. Formerly, Teague was the wine columnist at Food & Wine for ten years. She is the author of *Educating Peter* and the coauthor of *Fear of Wine*.

My copy of "Wine in Words" arrived today, and I zipped through it in advance of several spring events in which wine is a central player. That was lucky indeed, because I am far from confident in my knowledge. Reading Lettie Teague's accessible, pithy columns in the Wall Street Journal on Fridays and Saturdays always make me feel smarter. "Wine in Words" steps that feeling up times ten: this witty, wise, and wonderful book made me feel as if she were in my kitchen. The essays are concise and funny, like Teague herself.

I started reading *Wine in Words* in the usual way. I began at the beginning, but quickly found myself flipping to random pages and reading whatever essays I found. It was so much fun! (Ultimately, I will go back to the beginning to be sure I didn't miss anything.) This incredibly enjoyable book is packed with Lettie Teague's wine knowledge at a very accessible level. Each essay is a gem, as much for information on wine as for her wisdom about people and her humor.

Lettie Teague makes learning about wine fun. That doesn't mean what she writes is only for beginners, or superficial. Her many years of research and writing as a wine journalist at Food & Wine magazine and more recently at the Wall Street Journal have given her a depth of understanding and an approachable style that allows her to communicate information about wine in a way that you don't have to be an expert to understand or enjoy. This is not a book to plow through from cover to cover. Each essay is a delectable little experience, like sipping a new wine or discovering a new favorite *hors d'oeuvre*. This is a book you can dip into time and time again over many months, and always find some new tidbit to savor. This would make a great gift for the wine lover or merely the wine curious.

Love it, love it, love it... As a wine pro, my wine library far exceeds wine, and is loaded with wine books. This one is a "keeper." I just finished reading Lettie Teague's *Wine in Words, Notes for Better Drinking*. Lettie is as much the resource as she is charming. Easy to read, personable, this valuable book is headed toward being one of the best wine books ever sold, historically. It's a major keeper! Congratulations to Lettie Teague. I have written a lot more:

A different view on the many kinds of wine and how best to enjoy them. Lettie Teague shares years of experience and offers tips on things you would never guess about wine and the industry. Update soon after: My best friend J in Anchorage received this surprise gift book today from me. This wine book is good enough to share and give as a gift.

Even if you know nothing about wine, this book is a fun read. Lettie Teague manages to educate even the most novice of wine drinkers in such a way you do not even realize how much you have learned from a series of funny and witty series of essays! Order two- one for yourself and the 2nd copy makes a great hostess gift!

I have been involved in the wine business for ten years now and thoroughly enjoyed reading this. It was humorous, entertaining, and fun to read not always easy when the topic is wine. The attitude is light hearted and pure fun.

One of the best books on wine in 2015! Make a great gift and it's a terrific read!

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