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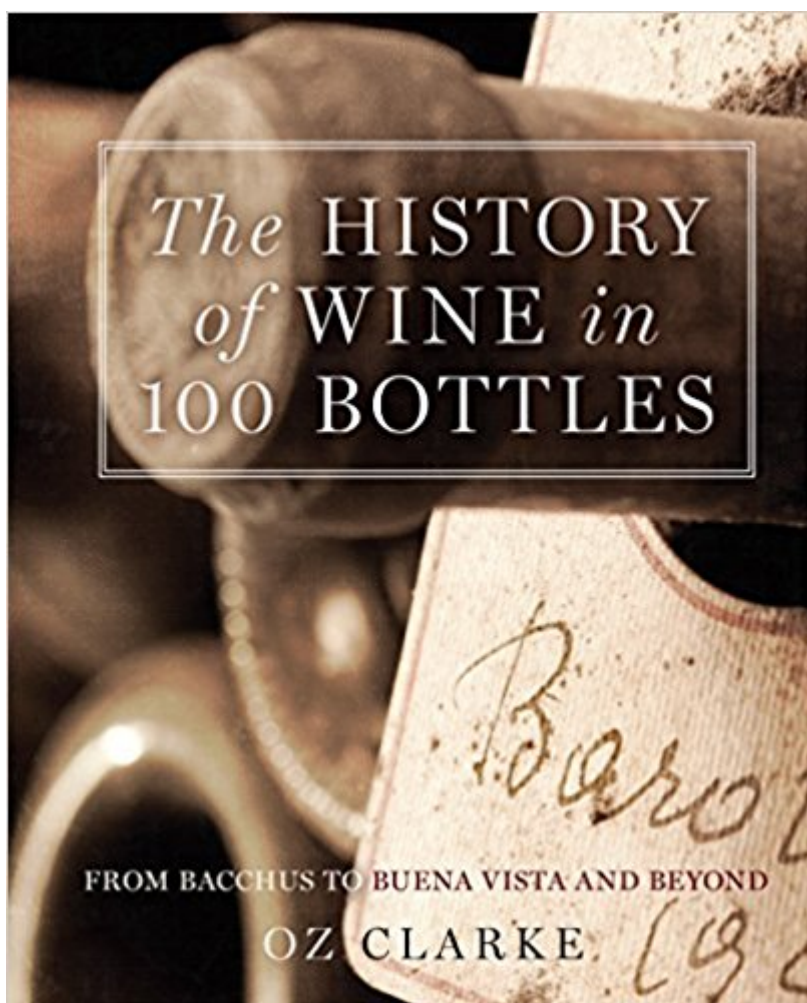

The HISTORY of WINE in 100 BOTTLES

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Synopsis

Winemaking is as old as civilization itself, and this illuminating volume takes a unique approach to that history: by exploring 100 bottles that have had the biggest impact on the evolution of wine. Moving from the first cork tops to screw caps, renowned wine writer Oz Clarke presents such landmarks as the introduction of the cylindrical wine bottle in the 1780s; the first estate to bottle and label its own wine (formerly sold in casks to merchants only); the most expensive bottle sold at auction and the oldest unopened bottle; the change in classifications; and the creation of numerous famous vintages. Fully illustrated with photographs of bottles, labels, and other images, this is a beautiful tribute to the "bottled poetry" that is wine.

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Customer Reviews

A former leading West End actor, Oz Clarke is one of the world's best-known wine experts, whose formidable reputation is based on his extensive wine knowledge and accessible, no-nonsense approach. Known for his phenomenal palate, irreverent style, accurate predictions, and enthusiasm for life in general, Oz is Britain's most popular wine writer.

The author literally skips through the history of wine. Informal, often using slang expressions unknown to Americans it is nevertheless fun and accurate. Each topic is much like a glass of wine, tasty, sharp and fun. Good for students of wine and wine lovers. It was my beach read this week, sorry to see it end!

A delightful collection of anecdotes that will please anyone interested in wine stories. Several of these are well known, but the author is good at stripping legend from fact.

I have an extensive wine book collection, but the History of Wine in 100 bottles is a must for any wine aficionado. An enjoyable read that you can start at any page.So far I bought four copies for gifts.

More information and history than you can imagine. Very easy and well written. I would recommend this book for anyone who enjoys wine or in the industry.

Terrific collection of historical nuggets that will fill in the big puzzle of the world of wine. Oz Clarke writes in a lively and humorous way and each of the 100 sections is lively and addicting so that you want to read the next one. Lots of interesting photographs and artwork as well. The design is great.

I have been reading Oz Clarke books for several years now and they do not disappoint . Well-researched and full of timely information and trends. I always finish one of his books and find myself amazed at what I still learn . He's very entertaining in his writing style and honest in his opinions.

Fun book to be read in a relaxing moment. Do not expect deep info but every information piece is correct (as one would expect!!). Great gift if you are trying to "convert"someone into the wine world!

A very well made book. Design, typography, image processing, color reproduction, offset printing, all excellent, impeccable! Well written story telling, which intrigues the reader, at least for me. It's not dry but very interesting. It's not just about wine, its history but about the culture and stories where wine is at its center.

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