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Taste Like A Wine Critic: A Guide To Understanding Wine Quality



Synopsis

Intended for wine drinkers and professionals of any experience level, *Taste like a Wine Critic* is a concise, straight-talking guide to understanding and assessing wine quality that avoids the ambiguous and often meaningless jargon stereotypically associated with describing wine. Focusing on the essentials, this book clearly identifies, defines and examines the factors in determining wine quality, explaining in plain terms how to recognize and evaluate the importance of each contribution – giving the reader the ability to take the wine critic's seat. An experienced educator, wine critic and Master of Wine, Lisa Perrotti-Brown takes readers on a journey through the fundamental mechanics of wine quality and its suchness, offering wine lovers everywhere the ability to better understand, appreciate and communicate their wine discoveries.

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This monograph offers a unique approach to wine tasting based on an analytical discourse on the elements associated with wine quality. The book takes each major component of wine quality including ripeness, concentration, balance, complexity, and wine finish among others, and relates them to various winemaking, descriptive, as well as some philosophical details. Essential stuff for the enthusiast. It is not a guide on the basic mechanics of wine tasting nor a tasting survey of wine styles, which can be found in countless other books. Perrotti-Brown is a Master of Wine and is the editor in chief as well as a critic for Robert Parker's Wine Advocate.

Most wine tasting guides are geared towards beginners, but this is the first truly advanced guide I've read. It has a wealth of technical, up-to-date information that is hard to find anywhere else. I really like the casual, conversational tone and how Perotti-Brown uses plenty of examples to illustrate points. This book is unique in the way that it bridges the gap between how wine is made and wine quality. The detailed Glossary is incredibly useful for clarifying many professional and winemaking terms and it is helpfully cross-referenced throughout the book. I haven't seen any other wine books like this one and I thoroughly recommend it.

I was looking forward to reading this book by the editor of the Wine Advocate. I had to stop after 30 pages. I found the book poorly organized and very poorly written with run-on sentences and grammatical errors. For example, she states that "grasping the merits and bummers of that nebulous area between clean and faulty needn't be overly daunting. Suffice to say that this whole subject of wine faults could on its own constitute a weighty tome and an onerously technical one at that." Simplify, simplify. You are an editor.

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