

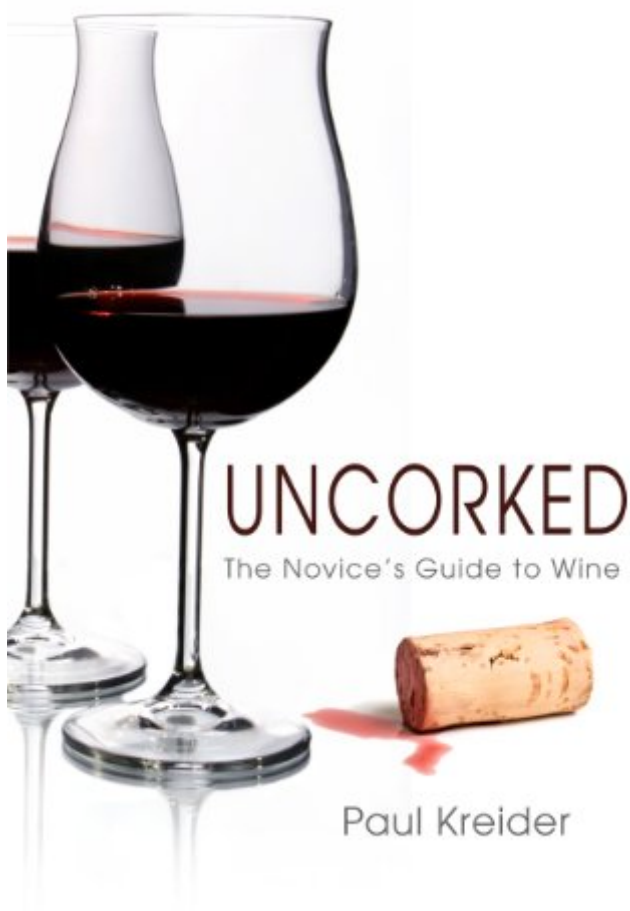


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Uncorked: The Novice's Guide To Wine

"Uncorked takes the fear out of wine." —The Daily Telegram



Synopsis

An easy, informative introduction to the world of wine If you love wine and are interested to learn more about it, *Uncorked* is the perfect tool to gain a straightforward understanding of the essentials of wine, allowing you to enjoy wine and be at ease in any setting. This entertaining guide is presented in an easy-to-understand format, covering topics on everything from the winemaking process, wine vocabulary, and red wine versus white wine, to tasting and selecting wines for any occasion. With a helpful glossary and brief topic-by-topic chapters, this accessible, snobbery-free guide is the perfect companion for purchasing wines and navigating your way skillfully at parties, dinners, wine tastings, wine shops, and more. Learn how to: Understand the origins of wine and the process of making it Know and speak the language of wine with terms like tannins, oaks, residual sugar, dry, medium- and full-bodied, and more Properly taste and drink wines Choose wines to complement foods Save money by making choices that suit your palate

Paul Kreider, bestselling author and wine expert, has been a winemaker for nearly four decades. He established his own winery, the Ross Valley Winery, in San Anselmo in Marin County, California, and is currently a wine-making consultant in the new wine frontier of Northwestern Washington. He has educated thousands of individuals and groups about wine. "Uncorked takes the fear out of wine."

•The Daily Telegram "Kreider's style of writing is simple, down-to-earth, and welcome to a newcomer to the wine world."

•The New Carlisle News "Kreider has written a straightforward, easy-to-understand guide that will allow you to be at ease in the wine environment, save money, understand the language of wine, and choose wines to complement your meals."

•The Tri-City Herald

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Customer Reviews

My daughter and I wanted to see what this "wine thing" is all about, and I have to say this book was very helpful. The format is very conversational, meaning that topics just show up like you're talking to someone rather than being laid out like a text book. It covers a lot of information in the beginning that I didn't understand as helpful until I actually started tasting. I'd recommend this for anyone who wants to understand the "hobby" of wine drinking.

As a novice, I began my research with a goal of broadening my basic knowledge of wine. The title caught my attention. The book is divided into two parts. The first part the author set out to educate the reader on the complexity and origins, along with the different choices of wine. The second part, which to me was the most interesting and useful of the two parts, was the guidance offered, as a benefit for using on a social level. Mr. Kreider offers, "A simple French lesson" in his Introduction, which could be beneficial to many. I awarded Uncorked a three star rating for the reason that I feel the first part of the book could have been condensed. I feel that the knowledge I acquired was not as much as I expected for the price of this book. Much of what I read, I already had knowledge, even with considering myself to be on a novice level.

this book was an easy read. it holds a lot of good information, its well written and a bit humorous. its also the first wine book i've read (granted that's only been a few so far) willing to say grocery store wine is mostly lousy. i'm 38 and thought i hated wine because i'd only had grocery store wine until a few months ago i wandered into a specialty wine shop and the owner convinced me to try it his way. he was right. now i'm really getting into it. i was glad to see a writer being honest about that.

Modestly useful, would have preferred a slightly deeper discussion of select, important topics. The

author has tried to cover a vast list of topics - thus everything rather high level.

The chapters were short but chock full of useful information. Kreider's style was friendly, easy to read and humorous at times. Answers a lot of common questions and then some for those who wants to dig deeper into the world of wine. My wife and I went to Napa Valley a few years ago, we plan to go back after educating ourselves more and "Uncorked...." is the perfect book to start off with. I highly recommend it to anyone who wants to learn more about wine but doesn't necessarily have a lot of time to spare.

I began to take an interest in wine after seeing a documentary about Sommeliers, and the depth of wine making and tasting. It intrigued me. Since then, I've been tasting and appreciating wine in a whole new way. I started to realize what I didn't know about wine, which was just about everything. I figured I'd start with this book. It's a fantastic introduction. It has the right balance of informative technical info, as well as basic, every day info that any new wine taster needs to know. Now on to the next level!

It was an interesting book with some insightful anecdotes. Some of it seems to repeat general knowledge about wine but the stories add some flavor. I did finish feeling like something was missing and that it didn't fulfill its promise to make me comfortable ordering wine in a nice restaurant and being confident it will turn out well. I will remember not to smell the cork if the waiter does so when delivering the bottle.

Informative and simple. At some points almost a little too simple when portions of knowledge seem like snippets or 2 page chapters while there is inevitably more details that are spared. Perfect for any newcomer to wine and would fill the gaps in knowledge for a very reasonable price.

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