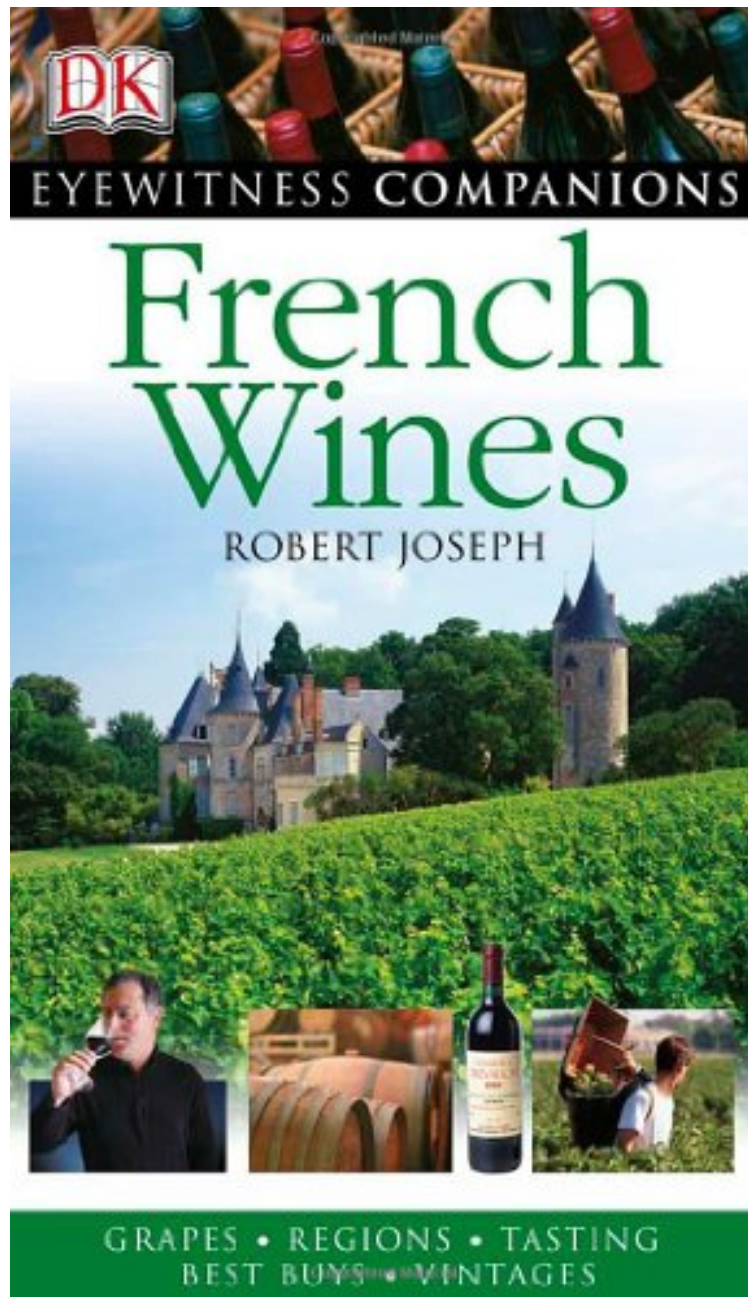


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**Robert Joseph : French Wine (Eyewitness Companion Guides)** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised French Wine (Eyewitness Companion Guides):

12 of 12 people found the following review helpful. Another nice entry in the Eyewitness Companions series By Steven Peterson I have come to be enchanted by this series of books. This marks, if memory serves, the fourth of these books that I have enjoyed. The book provides a nice service by beginning with context for a description of current French wines by region. The slender volume begins with a history of wine in general, and then French wine in particular. The author, Robert Joseph, notes that French wine was around before 500 B. C. Then, a section on wine making. For those interested in the nitty gritty of wine, there follows a description of the variety of raw materials--grapes from red to white, from Carignan to Viognier (plus some miscellaneous varieties to boot). And so on. . . . I learned a lot about the basics in the first segments of this book, including how different wines are made. Then, we get to labels, and my eyes glazed over! The discussion of the grades of wine, culminating in Appellation d'origine controlee. Arcane, to say the least! But fascinating! What's meant by bouquet? Elegant? Stalky? The book goes through each term. The heart of the book follows, with a region by region description of wines and the wine producers. This section begins with Alsace and Lorraine and concludes with miscellany. I like a nice red Bordeaux. So, naturally, I went to the section on this region of France wine-making. Nice discussion of a tour of the region and its history. From pages 92-111, there is a description of a series of wines coming from this region. Chateau Margaux, Chateau Lafite-Rothschild, Chateau Mouton-Rothschild (famously headed in the latter part of the 20th century by Baron Philippe de Rothschild), and so on. Delightful writing and neat little tidbits abound. And on it goes, region by region. Some of the arcane facts leave me a bit dizzy and not sure that I'm "getting it." But that's part of the fun! If you want to get an enjoyable introduction to French wine, this little book is a good start! 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Wonderful Resource By ChrisAn This is an older publication and we bought it used on the basis of what others had said about it. They were not wrong. It's a wonderful resource if you are going to France or just want to know about French wines in general. Each region has information not only about the wines, but also the food specialty of the area and what type of fromage is done well. There are great driving maps and lots of details about the wines in each region. About the only thing missing is a larger map of France with the regions delineated more clearly. But we agree...it is an excellent resource indeed. Our copy will not be listed on the used book site anytime soon. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Nice Colorful Handbook By Windthinker I really love this book. French wine can be very confusing to many people. This book breaks down the wine by region, using full color photos and very nice full color geographic maps. Also gives good basic info on the main foods for each region. If going to France, or just your local wine shop, this book would greatly help. I have a very strong knowledge of French wine, but still refer to this book often.

A handbook on wines and wine-growing regions in France. Each major wine region is mapped and profiled with information on influences such as climate, soil type, aspects and grape variety. For each of the six major regions featured there are specially devised tours. There is also a cross-reference feature that allows the reader to choose an element from a label and find out more about their chosen bottle. Added to this there is information on how wine is made, tasting, buying, storing and serving.