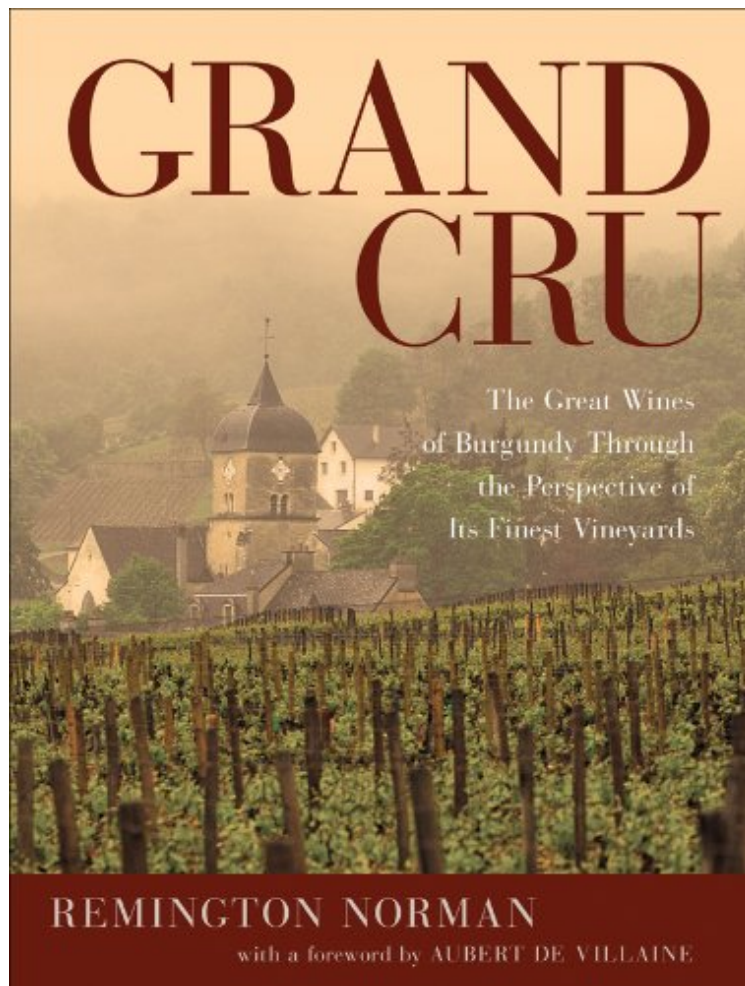


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10 of 10 people found the following review helpful. Excellent addition to the Burgundy geek's library; not for the novice
By Peter Masters
This is a good book, well-written and packed with information, not to mention the lovely photographs. It is, however, very narrow in its scope, and so probably only of interest to someone who already knows quite a bit about wine in general and Burgundy in particular. As the title implies and the description confirms, this book focuses almost exclusively on the grand cru vineyards of Burgundy - the thirty or so vineyards ranked highest by

French law, which represent less than 1% of Burgundy production and sell for \$100 up to thousands a bottle. So if you're not a high roller, or a compulsive wine geek, you probably don't want this book. Its specialization is not, however, why I give it only four stars out of five. The theme of the book is the importance of terrior in determining the character and quality of wines, using the grand crus (and a handful of 1er crus) as examples. And, at least in this telling, terrior to Norman seems to be about geology to a remarkable degree, to the diminution of other aspects of terrior such as altitude, exposure, slope, orientation, and drainage (to be fair, he mentions these, he just doesn't seem to care a lot about them.) While he makes an interesting argument, it does not amount to a compelling one, and following this logic leads him to some interesting, yet unconvincing conclusions (such as the idea that Gevrey Les Combottes deserves promotion to grand cru). So I deduct one star for idiosyncrasy. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Burgundy beauty By TalesoftheCork We've been to Burgundy a number of times and love this hardcover book on the region. Lovely photos and information. I wish I could go back each year to revisit. This has been a coffee table book for some time now. Great as a gift. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Five Stars By bob gamache Reference book on Burgundy

For wine lovers, Burgundy is the holy grail, with wineries that have long produced incomparable vin de terrior. But Burgundy is as famous for its idiosyncrasies as for its rare vintages. Through visits to 33 of the Cote d'Or's finest vineyards--the ones that have consistently outperformed others through the centuries--Grand Cru adds new insight into our understanding of this remarkable region and its distinctive approach to quality. In individual entries, Norman profiles each Grand Cru vineyard, providing a listing of its principal owners, origins, topography/geology, the best sources for wine, and more.

About the Author Remington Norman lives in England and South Africa. He was a Master of Wine until 2003 and is a member of the Academie Internationale du Vin. His book *The Great Domains of Burgundy* received the gold medal of the German Gastronomic Society and also the Andreacut; Simon Prize for the best wine book of its year. His second book, *Rhone Renaissance*, also won the Andreacut; Simon Award, Le Prix du Champagne Lanson, and the Glenfiddich Prize.