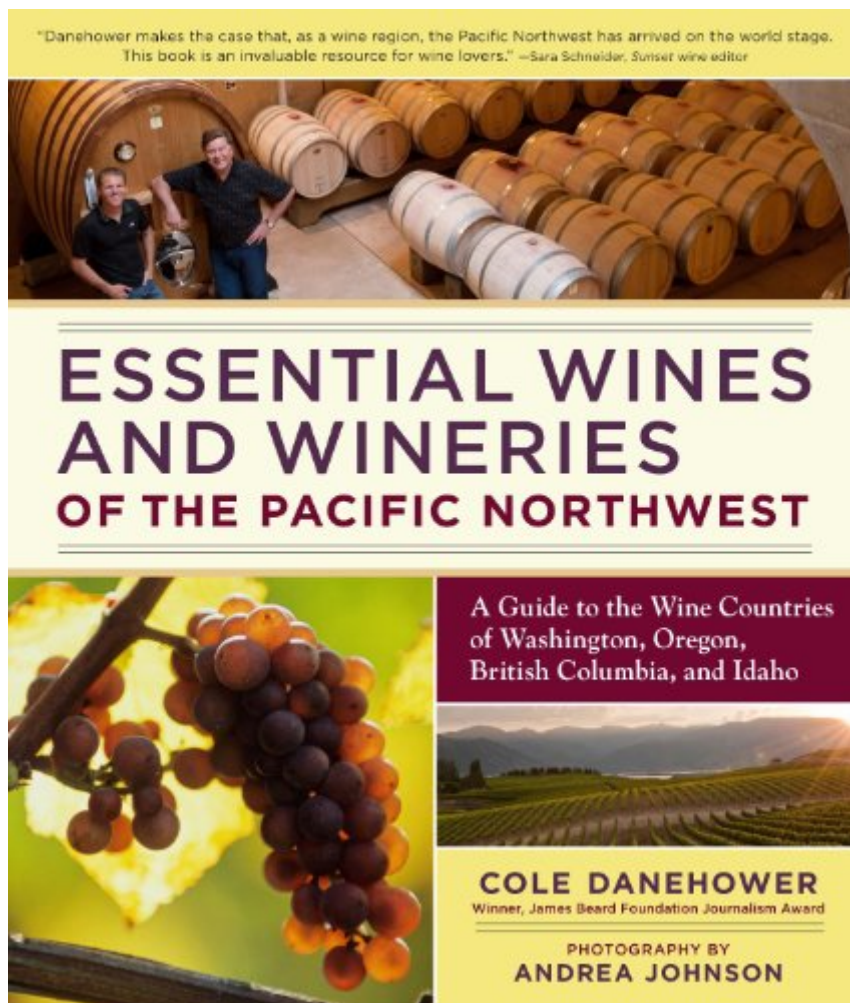


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Essential Wines And Wineries Of The Pacific Northwest: A Guide To The Wine Countries Of Washington, Oregon, British Columbia, And Idaho



Synopsis

Superbly balanced pinot noirs; crisp rieslings; rich, heady syrahs: these are only a fraction of the expertly crafted wines being produced in the Pacific Northwest's diverse and distinctive wine countries. Second only to California in production, the Pacific Northwest is the largest wine region in North America, home to more than 1,000 wineries. What was once a young wine-growing area with a reputation for eccentricity is today recognized as a dynamic region producing world-class wines, with a focus on ecologically sound practices. This definitive volume profiles the wines, the people who make them, and the wine countries of Washington, Oregon, British Columbia, and Idaho. The journey begins with the region's climates and geology, which create a fascinating tapestry of wine-growing areas. Next, the book focuses on the unique qualities of each wine region, with profiles of more than 160 representative wineries to visit. Included are legacy wineries that helped to build the region's reputation, prestige wineries with a national presence, under-the-radar artisan wineries that embody the pioneering spirit of the Northwest, and promising new wineries. Each profile lists the winery's signature, premium, value, and estate wines. Beautifully illustrated with photographs and helpful maps, this in-depth guide is a milestone in the North American literature on wine. It will enable wine lovers everywhere to plan their touring, select their wines, and explore and discover the riches of the Northwest's wine country.

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Customer Reviews

This book was an excellent overview of the many regions of wine growing in the Northwest. I enjoyed the geographical history of each area which outlines the `terroir' of the regions and helped explain why each area produces quite unique grapes. As a beginning wine enthusiast, it is a well written book which I read prior to visiting Woodenville, WA and it help me focus on the regions and winemakers I found interesting from the book. Also purchased Washington Wines and Wineries: The Essential Guide which was also very well done. The new edition was not available before I traveled to WA. Much greater detail, nice to have both.

I wouldn't say this is the best winery guide out there, but it's pretty amazing. Pros? Very nice photos that really take you to the wine regions included. Also very thorough listings of major wineries all broken down by sub-region. Each sub-region also has a brief write up describing the climate and soil as well as the style of wines produced. The wine regions include Southern Oregon, Oregon's Willamette Valley, the Columbia Gorge, Washington State (Columbia Valley, Walla Walla, and others) and British Columbia. The inclusion of Southern Oregon I felt was a nice touch. The Kindle edition loses some of the fun of having the actual book, but it's a great deal. At least you can preview the book by buying the Kindle version, then if you really like it you can get the paperback. I recommend that route. It's great for the NW wine lover or traveler.

Just received this book as a gift and it's so lovely! My husband and I are planning a winery tour for next spring and really appreciated learning about some of the fine vineyards we were unaware of. Highly recommended.

Gave me everything I needed!

Really wanted to like this book but it's fluff, all of it, and feels written to a very rudimentary crowd. There is nothing in this book that you couldn't get from a quick google search on any of these wineries. The only plus is that the wineries are all listed under the cover, but even that falls short as there are so many omissions here that they are too numerous to list (and these omissions are some

of the highest quality producers). I wasn't even looking for obscure wineries, just some I knew, and 7 out of 10 I looked in the index for are not in this book. Bad batting average. The author tries to make up for it with his copious amounts of photographs. But really, how many photographs of grape vines does one need to look at? Apparently on all 291 pages. Because there pretty much isn't a single page of this book that you open and do not see photos of either grape vines or grapes. It's unnerving. And these are not small photos, they take up over 1/2 to a full page. This book could have been written as a helper or primer for someone with really only a passing interest in the subject (but this book is a waste of money for anyone with any kind of real knowledge about the Pacific Northwest wine culture) for 1/2 the cost and with 1/2 the printing paper. Really, this is like a blurb book. It gives no more than a paragraph, sometimes two, to any winery (which really gives you nothing useful). It's fluff, all of it. I mean, it doesn't even include a comprehensive AVA list of the areas in which it's suppose to be providing you with 'essential' information. I'd skip this book, unless you're looking for something pretty for your coffee table to gather dust.

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