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Published in 1994 to worldwide acclaim, the first edition of Jancis Robinson's seminal volume immediately attained legendary status, winning every major wine book award including the Glenfiddich and Julia Child/IACP awards, as well as writer and woman of the year accolades for its editor on both sides of the Atlantic. Combining meticulously-researched fact with refreshing opinion and wit, The Oxford Companion to Wine presents almost 4,000 entries on every wine-related topic imaginable, from regions and grape varieties to the owners, connoisseurs, growers, and tasters in wine through the ages; from viticulture and oenology to the history of wine, from its origins to the present day. More than 180 esteemed contributors (including 58 new to this edition) range from internationally renowned academics to some of the most famous wine writers and wine specialists in the world. Now exhaustively updated, this fourth edition incorporates the very latest international research to present 300 new entries on topics ranging from additives and wine apps to WSET and Zelen. Over 60 per cent of all entries have been revised; and useful lists and statistics are appended, including a unique list of the world's controlled appellations and their permitted grape varieties, as well as vineyard area, wine production and consumption by country. Illustrated with almost 30 updated maps of every important wine region in the world, many useful charts and diagrams, and 16 stunning colour photographs, this Companion is unlike any other wine book, offering an understanding of wine in all of its wider contexts-notably historical, cultural, and scientific-and serving as a truly companionable point of reference into which any wine-lover can dip and browse.

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Review

Written with authority, and sometimes a humour so sly you have to do a double take, this [fourth edition] is still the best place to turn for answers to all your wine queries. (*Henry Jeffreys, The Guardian Best Drink Books of 2015*)

If someone is to own just one wine book, Ms. Robinson's mighty effort is the fail-safe proposition. (*Wall Street Journal*)

become an armchair expert with the renowned *Oxford Companion to Wine* (*BBC Good Food*)

A solid update of a vital reference from a towering authority in the field. (*Library Journal*)

This giant tome is a must for wine aficionados, combining meticulously-researched fact with refreshing opinion and wit (*Hannah Stephenson, Christmas Books, Belfast Telegraph*)

This is the ultimate desert island wine book ... gloriously rich on fact ... surely the worlds best general wine reference book (*Liz Sagues, Christmas Books 2015, Ham&High*)

magnificently comprehensive book ... If you're a wine novice, this one volume could teach you more about wine than any other; and if you're a full-time wine professional, you will still find much in here that you didn't know ... no editors could have brought us a volume closer to perfection than Jancis Robinson and Julia Harding have done (*Andrew Jefford, Decanter*)

Thousands of wine students across the globe will rejoice in this unparalleled work of reference and see it as an essential starting point for further study. As a source of well-honed, succinct definitions, the Companion is invaluable ... The revisions for this new edition have been admirably and impeccably thorough ... Even if your bookshelf already groans under the weight of the previous edition, purchasing this revision will be money well spent. In the case of wine, as in so many other spheres, knowledge increases enjoyment exponentially. Quite apart from being such a splendid reference work, the book feeds curiosity (*The World of Fine Wine*)

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sheer abundance and global spread of information... some sort of awesomesauce (*Observer, David Williams*)

a handy barometer on how the wine world is doing (*Wine-Searcher, Claire Adamson*)

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there is plenty to discover (*Leon Burakowski, Telford Journal*)

As well as a huge weight of information, this wonderful book also manages to entertain and delight. (*Stephen Brook, Decanter*)

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This book is as perfect and up to date as you can possibly require ... This book is pleasing to read, endlessly fascinating, both un-put-downable and awesome for quick reference. I have totally fallen in love with it (*Extremehousewife*)

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