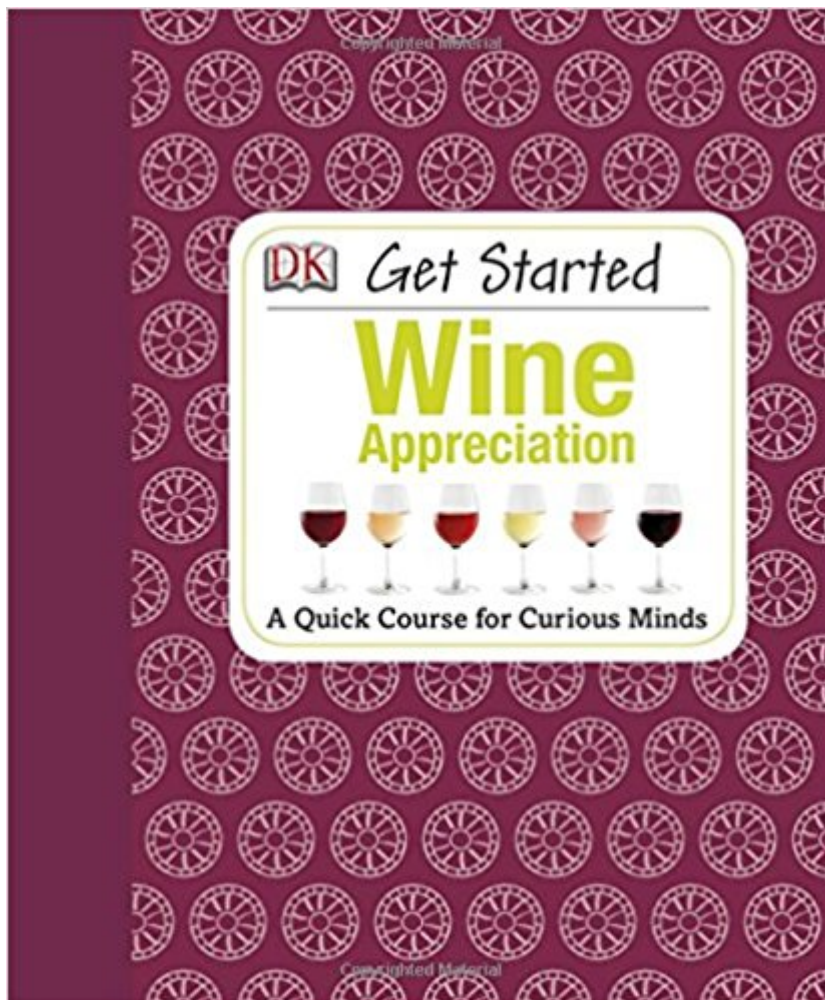




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Get Started: Wine Appreciation



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Have you always wanted to be knowledgeable about wines, but don't know how to get started? *Get Started: Wine Appreciation* is your perfect, patient teacher, quickly building confidence and skill. Start simple by learning how to navigate your tongue map, identify the range of flavors and aromas, and spot the differences between white, red, rosé, and sparkling wines. Build your skills with tasting sessions of Old World classics and New World varieties, and show off by learning to recognize the influence of oak aging and create the perfect wine and food pairings. Packed with advice, reminders, and insider tips, *Get Started: Wine Appreciation* quickly takes you from complete beginner to discerning wine drinker. More than any other series on the market, DK's *Get Started* series simulates carefully structured classroom lessons, an approach that allows you to custom-build courses with practical lessons and themed projects. Nothing's assumed, and everything's explained; each book answers fundamental questions, identifies the subject's basics, and provides step-by-step explanations and assessments so you can fulfill your own unique potential.

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Not much more useful than reading the information tags at a wine store. Basically just a picture book. I'm looking elsewhere for a good introduction to wine

Wine is something that tends to create a lot of unease and uncertainty for many people, partially due to a basic ignorance about the subject, the inherent mystique that some try to place around wine and perhaps the lack of a general wine culture. Maybe this book can help. This book is divided into three sections - "Start Simple" explores the range of flavours, aromas and the main styles of wine, "Build On It" looks at famous grape varieties and classic styles produced across the world and "Take It Further" looks at what can affect wine, such as age or climate as well as how to match wine with food. Each subsequent chapter lets you build on your knowledge as you go. You need no longer be ashamed, embarrassed or uninformed. Interestingly - and when you think about it it makes sense - the book recommends holding a wine tasting event with family or friends as a means of improving your knowledge and finding out what you might like. You are guided through all aspects from presenting and serving the wine to how wine is produced and the different flavours that can be experienced. Each section of the book is richly illustrated and you soon find a lot of knowledge being imparted without it feeling like a dry, academic tome. As you become more familiar with wine you can then take advantage of the tasting notes for different wine types, broken down by region and style. Soon you will be able to discuss and appreciate a rich and dry Australian Viognier or a fresh and fruity Beaujolais. The construction of the book means that you get just the right amount of information that you require. If you just want to know the difference between a red and a rosé, this book will help. If you want to learn about the difference in white wine grape varieties then you get this too. Plus a lot, lot more! Yet it is presented in a modular fashion so it does not overload the reader. Just everything about this book works. It is written for the regular Joe or Josephine who just wants to learn a bit more about wine. The book's design just makes you want to read on and on and learn in the process, yet it remains accessible for those who just want to dip in and out, perhaps to check a specific thing or refresh a bit of knowledge. This book could be and should be used as a template for other introductory texts as it is a winning formula. Another book series claims to be written for the absolute beginner yet they spoil things by patronising the reader with silly cartoons and faux effects - this book shows how to do it with style. Highly recommended!

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