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A Vineyard in My Glass



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About the Book

Gerald Asher, who served as *Gourmet's* wine editor for thirty years, has drawn together this selection of his essays, published in *Gourmet* and elsewhere, for the collective insight they give into why a wine should always be an expression of a place and a time. Guiding the reader through twenty-seven diverse wine regions in France, Italy, Spain, Germany, and California, he shows how every wine worth drinking is a reflection of its *terroir*—in the broadest sense of that untranslatable word. In evocative reminiscences of wines, winemakers, and the meals he has had with them, he weaves together climate, terrain, and local history, sharing his knowledge and experience so skillfully that we learn as we are entertained and come to understand, gradually, that the meaning and pleasure of a wine lie always in the context of its origin and in the concurrence of where, how, and with whom we enjoy it.

About the Author

Gerald Asher is the author of *The Pleasures of Wine*, *Vineyard Tales*, *Wine Journal*, and *On*

Wine. As an international wine merchant, he was decorated by the French Government in 1974 for his contribution to French viticulture, in 2001 was named Outstanding Wine Professional of the Year by the James Beard Foundation, and in 2009 was inducted into the Culinary Institute of America's Vintner's Hall of Fame.

Reviews

"Gerald Asher's name snaps wine types to attention for good reason. The longtime Gourmet wine editor's shimmering, detailed prose can often relay a wine's cultural tale in a single sentence. So if 'A Vineyard in My Glass' . . . is a compilation of his previous magazine work, it is also a chance to revisit the beauty of wine writing in pure form. Rather than feel dated, some older pieces retain timelessness."—*San Francisco Chronicle*

"Amid a flood of mediocre, silly and pretentious wine writers, Asher stands out as a true craftsman and gentleman journalist who knows wine and can tell a story with wit and insight."—*Sasha Paulsen Napa Valley Register*

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"When Gerald Asher talks, I listen—especially when he talks about the very essence of my professional being. There is no writer I revere more than Mr. Asher. He is keenly analytical. He is honest and incisive in his appraisals. And, he is so much more interesting to read than I am that I just held on for dear life as I searched for his article under the title above."—*Connoisseurs' Guide To California Wine*

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