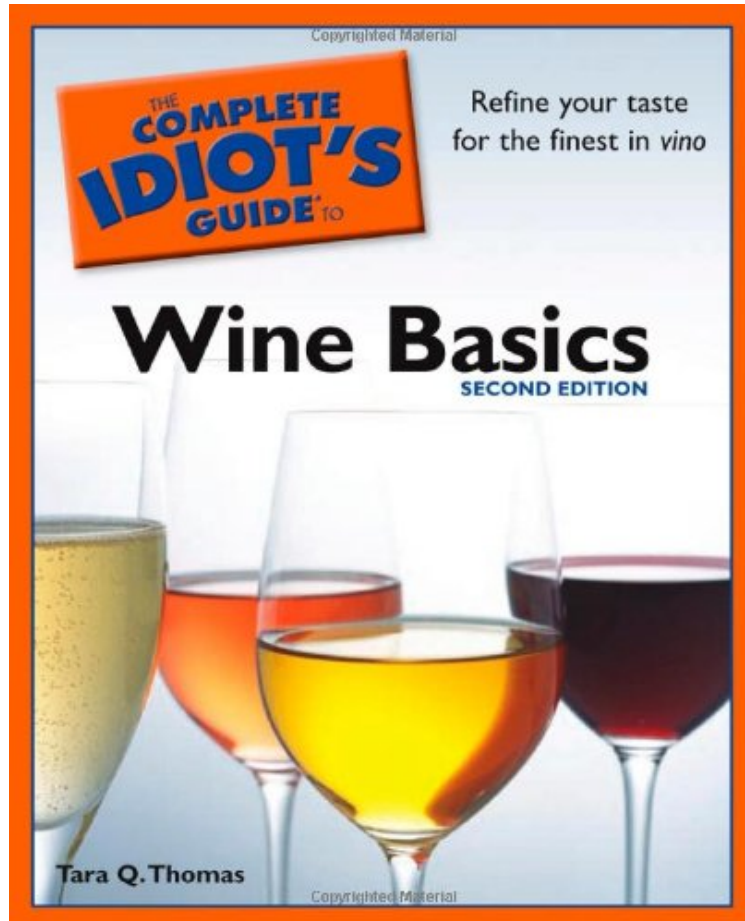


## The Complete Idiot's Guide to Wine Basics, 2nd Edition

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**Tara Q. Thomas : The Complete Idiot's Guide to Wine Basics, 2nd Edition** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Complete Idiot's Guide to Wine Basics, 2nd Edition:

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Excellent comprehensive book for beginners By Tony Ingesson As someone who's been enjoying wine for many years, but never taken a systematic approach to actually learning about the topic, this book was very useful. Thorough descriptions of the most common red and white wines, along with shorter mentions of many more, including pink, sparkling and port. The book includes suggested wine tasting ideas, based on specific aspects, such as trying to detect the differences between cabernet sauvignons grown in hot/sunny climates as opposed to cooler ones. Soil conditions are also discussed in some depth. There's a bit of unnecessary repetition, similar to what I've noticed in other "Complete Idiot's Guide" books, but it's a minor flaw that has no impact on the overall qualities of this book. I will definitely keep returning to this one even though I've finished it, to consult the sections on the various grapes and most certainly to revisit the tasting strategies suggested by the author. A highly recommended read! 11 of 11 people found the following review helpful. A Great Introduction into Wine. By kiwanissandy It is really down-to-earth advice on selecting wine for every occasion and taste. I found it to be

invaluable advice to selecting 5 different bottles of Riesling for a wine tasting party. It doesn't give specific wine choices but rather regional wine choices and then allows you to pick a wine from Austria, Australia, Germany, California, etc to contrast and compare the different tastes among the same grapes. This book breaks down the wines into the Big 9. Chardonnay, Sauvignon Blanc, Riesling, Pinot Grigio, Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Pinot Noir, Syrah, and Zinfandel. It further breaks it into Regional Specialties, Special Styles and creating your own wine tasting party with tasting sheets provided. It gives good advice without being uppity like some wine connoisseur books are. I really liked this book. I compared it to the "Wine Lover's Dessert Cookbook" and I liked them both really well. This book does give some dessert wine advice but the other book gives really good recipes for desserts that go well with the suggested wines. I combined it with a Pampered Chef party that was a dessert party and then had 5 different wines to drink with the desserts. Everybody had a really good time. This Wine Basics book is really good and a nice addition to your library. 4 of 4 people found the following review helpful. Good, But Somewhat Too... By Avid Camper Good book, but somewhat too technical and detailed for a beginning "Idiot". However, the word complete, as in "The Complete Idiot's Guide..." is accurate. I bought this for a couple of novices, but they found it to be confusing and too much to learn in the beginning, so after a few chapters, they lost interest, due to "overload" and stopped reading. It was much more than the "basics". I would recommend this book for someone with a somewhat fair amount of wine knowledge, looking to add more detailed info to their personal data base. Good reference book on wine.

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