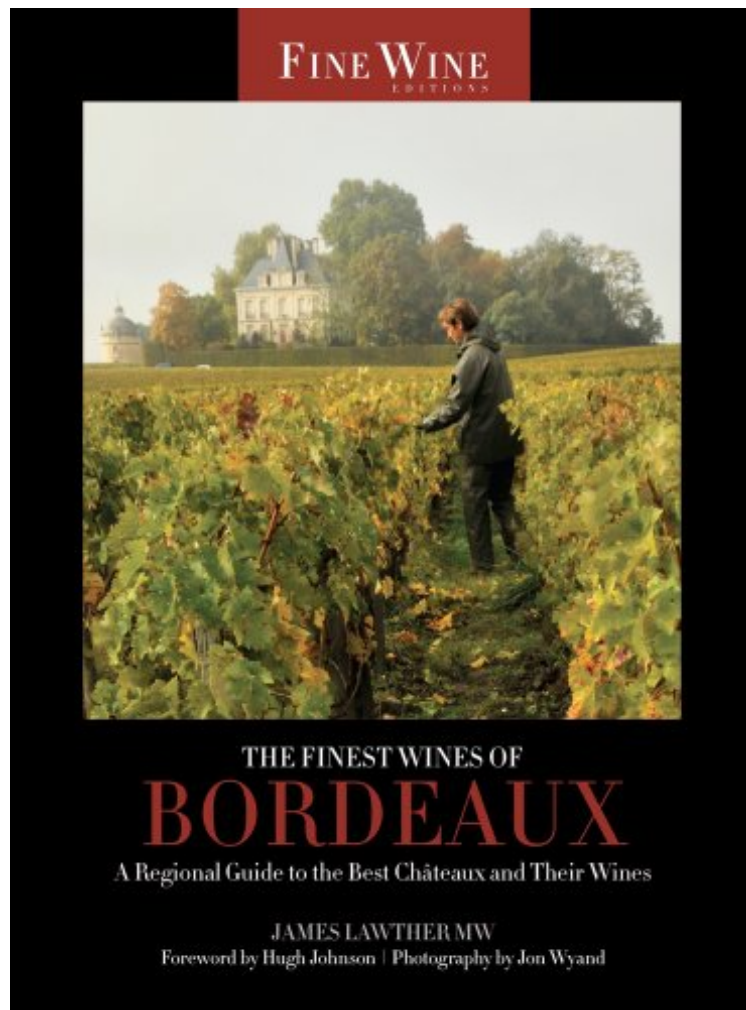


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date text about Bordeaux~By Christopher BarrettFine Wine Editions has published some great periodicals and books in recent years. This book is a very fine edition to any wine lover's library. The book was written by James, Lawther, a Master of Wine.This book is a collection of the famous and up and coming estates of Bordeaux, France. This also includes Sauternes and other appellations beyond the famous left and right bank regions of the Medoc and Libourne. The first fifty or so pages cover the history and laws of the region. Beyond is a listing of famed estates, typically containing one page of text and a full page photo. A few entries have more text, some have additional photos.This isn't quite the exhaustive text that many in depth Bordeaux books are (such as the two Mitchell Beazley texts), but the photos are a nice touch to break up the text. Included is much information relevant to those interested in, or studying Bordeaux. There is typically a mention of fine recent vintages from each estate and information about additional wines they produce (second and third labels).I highly recommend this book for any lover of Bordeaux, or those wishing to learn a little more about the region and the notable producers. Curl up with this book and a glass of your favorite claret!

Bordeaux has long symbolized the peak of prestige for French wine. Yet, despite its outstanding reputation, the region has remained relatively closed to consumers, as forbidding as the highest chalcite gates or the most tannic of its young wines. In this highly approachable, beautifully illustrated guide, Master of Wine James Lawther draws on his insiders knowledge to open up Bordeaux. He has identified 90 producers from both the Left and Right banks with the finest wines and the most interesting stories to tell and takes us inside their chateaux, offering intimate portraits of both the properties and the people who shape this fascinating region. He also provides chapters on history and winemaking that explain how Bordeaux has risen over the past three centuries to the unparalleled status it enjoys today. Illustrated throughout with original photographs and detailed color maps, *The Finest Wines of Bordeaux* reveals a changing region that is more open to new producers than its insular reputation suggests—and one that continues to hold a tight grip on the imaginations of wine enthusiasts around the world.

Follows a brief overview of the regions history, climate, soil, viticulture, and wine making with geographically divided snapshots of info for each chalcite. STARRED REVIEW