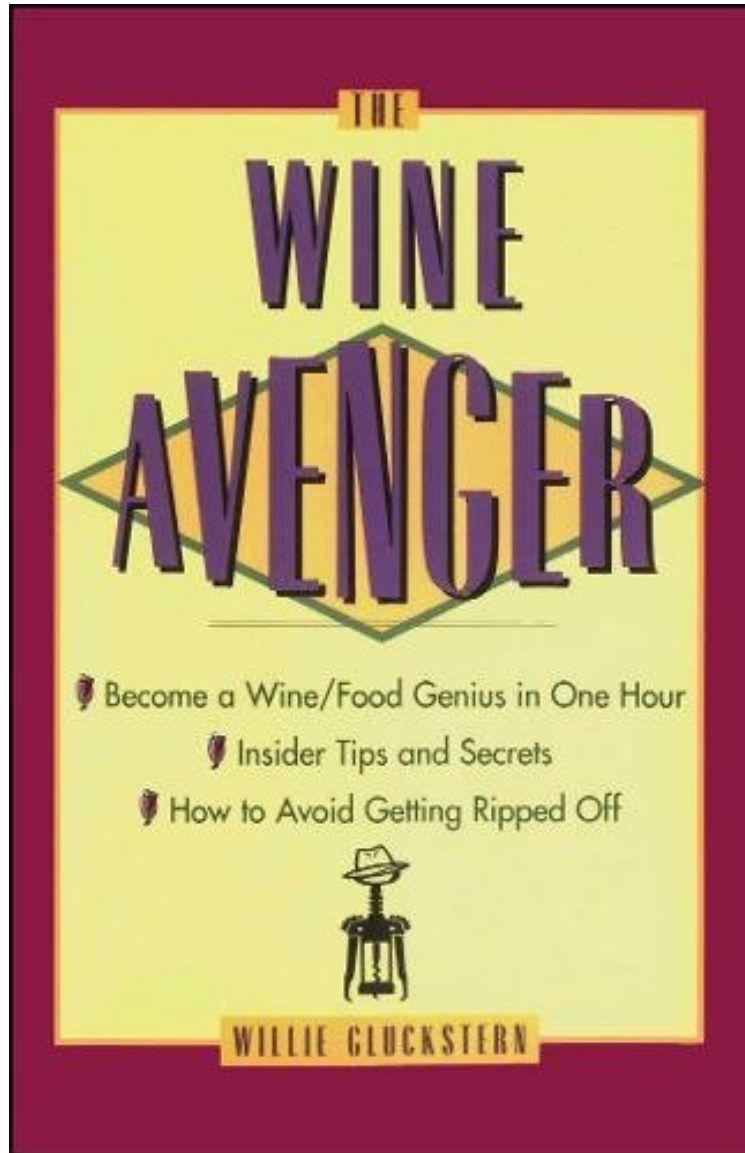


## The Wine Avenger

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**Willie Gluckstern : The Wine Avenger** before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Wine Avenger:

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something to learn about wine, even those with a bit of experience will benefit from this tour through wine regions, wine terminology, wine care, and wine selection. Lots of "secrets" are exposed - the most helpful having to do with reading labels. He'll tell you how to ask a few questions that will let you know if the salesman you're talking to actually knows more than you. You'll learn about some of the rip-offs to watch for and avoid, and signs that the wine shop is run by people who care about what they sell. Most of all, Gluckstern makes sense of how good pairings enhance both wine and food. From pizza to pumpkin pie. Excellent, readable book. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. The Truth about Wine By Nat324 This is a fantastic book for anyone early in their wine education. Gluckstern's opinions are so strong you can easily see the facts from the opinions. The information gleaned from Wine Avenger helps you make your own opinions of wine without visiting Napa or starting your own wine cellar. I used a highlighter on almost every page and tabbed several pages of food/wine pairing suggestions. While Gluckstern doesn't outright call Chardonnay a whore of the vineyard, he convincingly debunks the idea that good wine should be wildly expensive. I've found some fantastic \$12 wines because of Willie's guidance and I religiously use my Vacu-Vin!! 5 of 5 people found the following review helpful. Best and most easy to understand book and very witty! By Patrick D. Goonan This little book is a gem and a real bargain. In a small space it manages to cover the whole gamut of the wine world including European wines. It also cuts through the jargon and delivers what you really need to know in a straightforward and very witty manner. I own a number of books on wine and if I had to choose between this book and keeping all of the other ones, I would keep this ONE book! It's really that good. It has saved me money in terms of buying good inexpensive wines, increased my enjoyment of wine with food by learning how to pair food and wine correctly. It also gave me the knowledge I needed to discuss wine intelligently with anyone. This author is NOT out to be politically correct or to make friends in the wine industry. I think the same is true of the restaurant industry because he is very blunt in his criticisms, particularly of over-priced restaurant wine. His use of words along these lines accounts for much of the humor in his writing. If you know of anyone who has wine as a hobby they will enjoy reading this. If you are intimidated by the world of wine, you wouldn't be after you finish this book. It will also save you money and open up new worlds in terms of different types of wine from all over the world.

IT STANDS TO REASON THAT IF OUR FOODS ARE NOW LIGHTER AND MORE DYNAMIC, OUR WINES SHOULD BE ALSO. A longtime champion of the victimized wine consumer, Willie Gluckstern debunks the myths and misinformation surrounding the (allegedly) complex subject of wine. His straightforward advice includes: The wines that go BEST with food -- and why. A cure for label worship: "There are just as many lousy \$60 bottles as \$3.99 bottles." How to avoid getting ripped off in stores and restaurants. How to choose a great wineshop: "Do they know where Italy is?" Dreary housekeeping tips, such as storage, decanting, saving opened wine, and "that sulfite thing." Plus, the straight poop on oak, "the MSG of wine," a few well-chosen words for greedy restaurants and retailers ("Those bastards!"), and an unprecedented expose of mass-market Champagne, including how to find the good stuff by cracking the secret label code. Irreverent, informative, and controversial, *The Wine Avenger* is indispensable for beginners as well as enthusiasts.

From Library Journal Gluckstern does not give amateurs a brief, fundamental course in wine appreciation; for that, pick up Mary E. Mulligan's *Wine for Dummies* (IDG, 1995) or shorter pieces by authorities like Matt Kramer. Instead, his book belongs in the company of Leslie Brenner's *Fear of Wine* (LJ 10/1/95), offering solace to the intimidated beginner. Although it's more acerbic. The purchasing director for a popular New York City wine store, Nancy's Wines, Gluckstern takes extreme positions that are both the guide's strength and its weakness. For instance, he justly reprimands those mainstream critics who focus on too narrow an audience but then diminishes his credibility with polemic (e.g., while qualified "wine experts" these days agree that chardonnays have been over-oaked, his tone completely dismisses this grape, which does produce some very graceful wines). Gluckstern gives more (deserved) attention to the virtues of German wines and provides excellent advice on food and wine matching. Not a required purchase for substantial wine collections, but it's good to have someone advocating for the novice. A Wendy Miller, Lexington P.L., KY Copyright 1998 Reed Business Information, Inc. "...a destroyer of myths, a protector of the consumer and a teller of truths that no one else will say." -- Harvey Steiman, *THE WINE SPECTATOR* "A book that divides the viticultural world handily into angels and demons." -- Robin Raisfeld, *NEW YORK MAGAZINE* "Armed with *The Wine Avenger*", most will feel comfortable and confident when ordering wine." -- Margaret Howell, CNN "Gluckstern's best selling *Wine Avenger*" has the snobs hyperventilating and down-to-Earth wine lovers cheering." -- Al Bassano, *BLOOMBERG MULTI-MEDIA* "His theories have proven intoxicating." -- Tai Hernandez, *NEW YORK ONE NEWS* "It doesn't weigh much." -- Peggy Gradinsky, *THE JAMES BEARD HOUSE* "Willie Gluckstern's new book is invaluable." -- Leonard Lopate, *NATIONAL PUBLIC RADIO* About the Author Willie Gluckstern, an outspoken critic of wine snobbery, label worship, and over-oaked Chardonnay, is the founder of *Wines for Food*, a consumer wine school in New York City. He has written the wine lists for hundreds of Manhattan restaurants, and is the purchasing director for the popular wineshop Nancy's Wines in New York City. He lives in New

York City with his moldering 8-track tape collection.