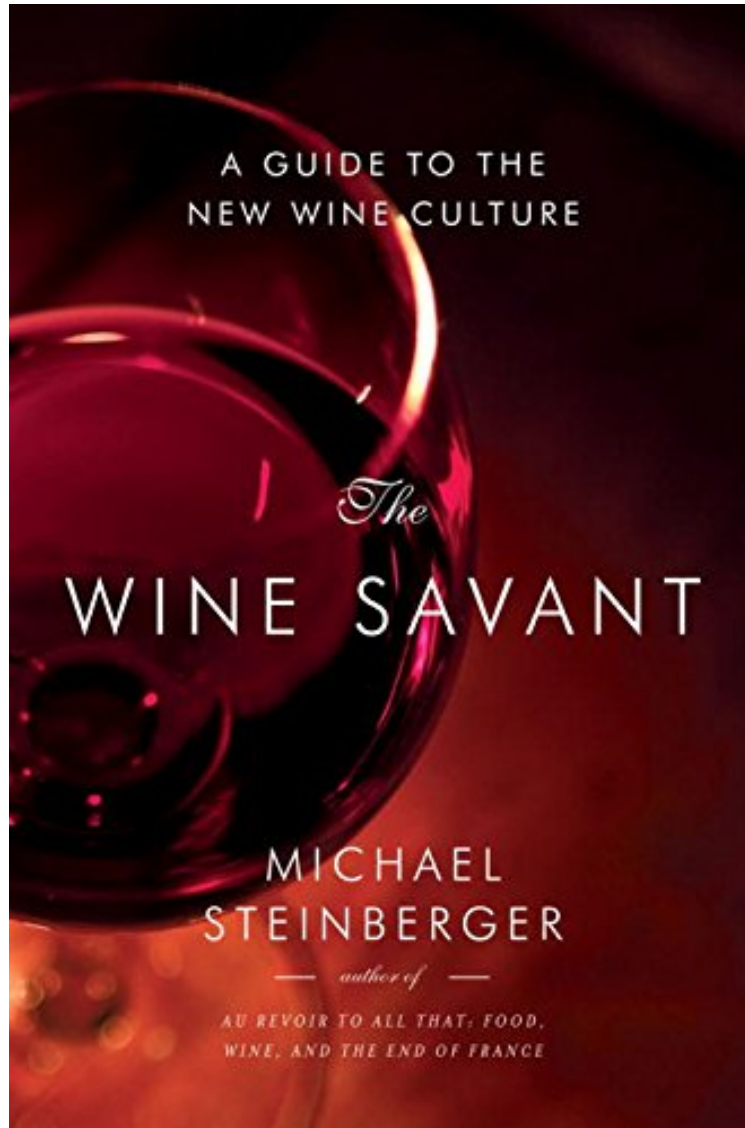


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Michael Steinberger : The Wine Savant: A Guide to the New Wine Culture before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Wine Savant: A Guide to the New Wine Culture:

10 of 10 people found the following review helpful. Fun and Informative Read (with great Lists)By Sutton FallerThis book is written for both oenophiles and those of us who just want to know more about wine. It is not a primer on wine, its a deliciously opinionated assessment of the current state of the wine industry (see previous review for detail on content). Steinberger completely rags on over-priced Bordeaux, but instead of leaving it at that, offers lots of great suggestions for better picks (focusing on affordable \$20ish wines!!). To support his claims, he provides interesting

history of various wines, and little factoids that, yes, I will steal to amaze my friends and colleagues :-). One really nice thing he offers in the book is lists of suggested wines - by type, and a great list of 50 wines that should be on your bucket list. This is particularly nice to have if you get the Kindle version - just call it up next time you're at the wine store. The book also has one of the most detailed Indexes I've ever seen - great for referencing. I'm not a wine savant, so I have no clue whether his recommendations are good, but given his bio in the back of the book, it appears he has the chops to make such bold assertions. Even if I weren't interested in wine, I think I'd like reading this book because of the author's brash yet self-deprecating attitude, combined with his wicked vocabulary. I found myself smiling throughout the book as he whipped out words, phrases, and puns that I haven't come across in years. I'm guessing that's an occupational hazard for wine guys. Overall, a fun read with great information and it'll pay for itself with the next couple of bottles I buy!

3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. A breezy, fun, and fulfilling read!
By Phillip W. De Vous
A great informative brief on the world of wine. I like the fact he recognizes that French viticulture remains the ontological standard of wine while recognizing globalization is creating new centers of excellence and altering global palates.

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Interesting, if repetitive.
By Dave Davis
Very uneven, with some chapters filled with great information, and others that read like an advertisement for the author's favorite producers. Seriously, how much did Ridge vineyards pay him to get mentioned one per chapter!

A savvy and opinionated tour of the contemporary world of wine. Today's dynamic wine culture calls for a different kind of wine book. *The Wine Savant* is just that: punchy, polemical, and brimming with insights to educate and entertain beginning wine drinkers and seasoned oenophiles alike. Never has the wine world had so much to offer, and never have smart decisions about value, quality, grape, and season been so difficult to make. In *The Wine Savant*, Michael Steinberger tramps through the world of contemporary wine—from three-buck Chuck and bucket-list Bordeaux to bottle speculators and biodynamic wineries—to give the inside scoop on the key concerns facing the new generation of wine lovers:

- Why is California suddenly cool again?
- What's really the difference between a 95-point wine and a 94-point wine?
- Why is Burgundy ascendant and Bordeaux suddenly so passe?
- What's a biodynamic wine, what's a natural wine, and should you care?
- Do food and wine pairings still matter?

Featuring expert buying guides—including the New Kings of California and the World's Great \$25-and-Under Bottles—and tips on tough-to-pair cuisines like Indian and Japanese, *The Wine Savant* is the perfect guide to today's often-bewildering realm of choice: ferociously opinionated and committed body and soul to enjoying every glass.

Deftly shows how any and all of us can be savvier about wine. --Bill Ward

About the Author
Michael Steinberger is a James Beard Foundation Journalism Award winner and the author of *Au Revoir to All That: Food, Wine, and the End of France*. He has written for the *New York Times Magazine*, *The New Yorker*, and *Vanity Fair* and is the wine writer for *Men's Journal*. Previously, he was the wine columnist for *Slate*.