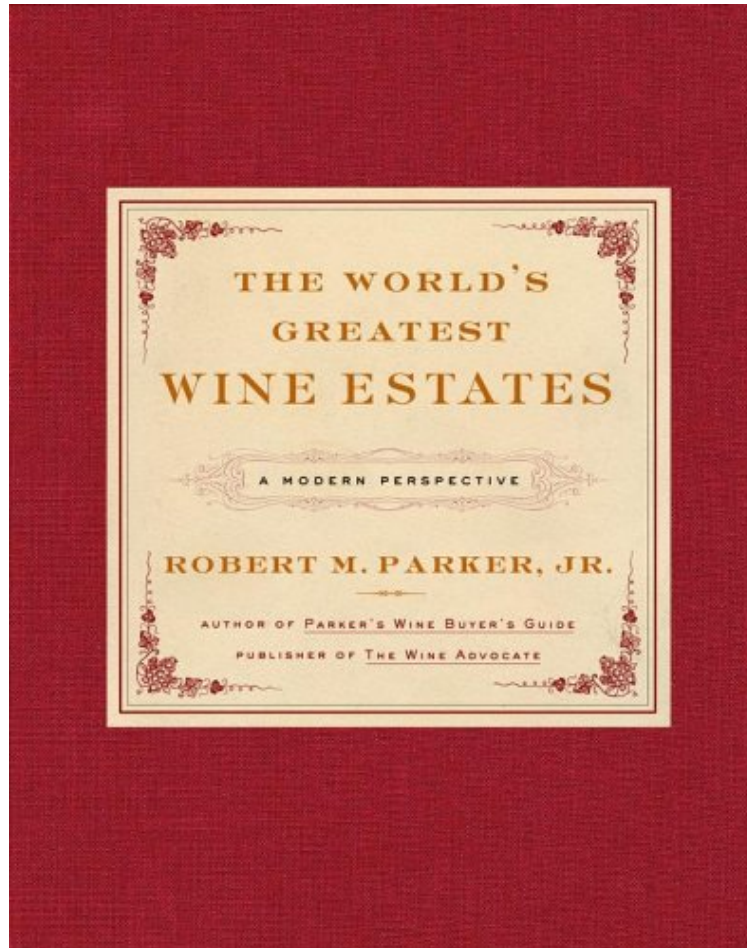


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1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Masterpiece!By FlamengoThis is a brilliant book. Robert Parker jr, the world most famous wine critic made a terrific job here, doing a selection of, from his point of view, the very top wine estates of the world. However you can miss one or other winery, i believe he really picked some of the best winemakers on planet earth, and did a beautiful portrait of each selected producer.Of course he gives more importance to those wine regions and winemakers that everybody knows he preffers to drink, like bordeaux, rhone and california (actually the three only wine regions that he cares for remain writing tasting notes for this web site.)He does an introduction to the story and day by day business of each state and also talk about the main wines of each producer and analyses the recent vintages until 2002/2003.This book urges for a new edition, however we are not sure if Robert Parker would have patience and time to do so, but if he does, he could basically reprint it, picking some new estates,

especially from Italy, Spain, Portugal, and Chile, and including all the actualized tasting notes until 2012. It would be a precious gift to the wine community! 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Worth having for every serious wine collector. By Louis M Galie Good review of top wine estates with Parker's usual detail. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Five Stars. By Jeannette Perret-Gentil Great book

Over the past twenty-five years, renowned critic Robert M. Parker, Jr., has visited both legendary and fledgling wineries all over the world and has tasted hundreds of thousands of wines. Only a fraction of those wines have earned his highest ratings and are considered by him to be truly legendary. In his latest book, Parker brings together what he calls "the best of the best," taking readers on a personal tour of the wineries that have impressed him most with their dedication to quality, consistency, and excellence. *The World's Greatest Wine Estates* pays homage to exceptional wines and the exceptional people who make them. These lavishly illustrated pages showcase 175 of the world's most accomplished -- and most spectacular -- estates. Parker goes beyond the labels, bottles, and ratings to present the land, the history, and the dedicated artisans practicing their craft. Though they form a wildly diverse group, all of these producers "share an inexhaustible commitment to their vineyards, a passion to produce as fine a wine as is humanly possible, and a vision that the joys of wine are infinite and represent the pinnacle of a civilized society." Parker begins with an overview of what makes a wine great -- the ability to please both the palate and the intellect, to offer intense aromas and flavors without heaviness, to improve with age, to reflect its place of origin as well as the skill of its producers -- and explains how he came to choose the profound wines he features here. He also offers insider tips for ordinary wine-lovers who want to get their hands on extraordinary bottles. The heart of the book contains profiles of the greatest estates of Argentina, Australia, Austria, France, Germany, Italy, Portugal, Spain, and the United States. Each region is illustrated with a full-color map and accompanied by an introduction explaining the general wine history of the country. In his profiles of individual estates, Parker offers essential geographical information such as grape varieties, average age of the vines, and density of plantation; details about the estate's history and techniques and the wines it produces; visiting information for those who want to see the process up close; and tasting notes on the best recent vintages from each winery. Each profile also includes photographs of the vineyards and the people behind the wines, and labels from their best-known vintages. Complete with a list of up-and-coming wineries ("Future Stars") and a glossary of wine terms, *The World's Greatest Wine Estates* is a very special reference for amateurs and connoisseurs alike.

From Publishers Weekly Famed wine critic Parker can make (or break) a winery with his strong, personal opinions. In the introduction to this imposing reference, he justifies his beliefs with a detailed definition of what makes a wine estate great. Parker's opinionated dissertation, both educational and meaningful even to the wine novice, outlines his method for deciding which vineyards and wineries to include here, plus an analysis of how the world of wine has changed in the past 25 years and a tribute to the skill and hard work of the producers. Though Parker has made room for some wines from Australia and the U.S., France dominates the book. The work is divided alphabetically by country (Argentina, Australia, Austria, France, Germany, Italy, Portugal, Spain, U.S.), with each section beginning with an overview and history of wine making in the area, followed by directory-like details and profiles of selected producers, and commentary on specific vintages, including Parker's trademark point system. In appendixes, Parker includes a glossary of "winespeak" and recommends prospects for the future. With 175 lush photographs, historical and visitor information, and maps and images of wine labels, this work belongs on any oenophile's coffee table. (Nov.) Copyright copy; Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved. From Booklist America's most powerful wine critic presents his comprehensive assessment of what he deems the world's most important wineries. For each of these he offers a directory, a short history, a description of its vineyards, volume of output, and a list of great vintages. He then exhaustively details the finest of the wineries' vintages, rating them on his well-known 100-point scale and predicting the years when each of these will achieve its peak quaffability. The bulk of the text focuses on the great French wineries of Bordeaux and Burgundy, with good coverage of Rhone Valley wines as well. Germany, Italy, and California comprise most of the rest of the book's scope, but Argentina, Australia, Austria, Portugal, and Spain attain some recognition. For the serious wine drinker, Parker's minute analyses of each wine are thoughtful and as grounded in the objective as any matter of aesthetic taste can ever be. This is a valuable and necessary resource for any wine collector or collection of wine books. Mark Knoblauch Copyright copy; American Library Association. All rights reserved. About the Author Robert M. Parker, Jr., has been the author and publisher of *The Wine Advocate* for more than twenty-five years. He has won countless awards, including two of France's highest presidential honors: in 1993, President Francois Mitterrand pronounced him a Chevalier dans l'Ordre National du Merite. In 1999, President Jacques Chirac signed a decree appointing Parker a Chevalier dans l'Ordre de la Legion d'Honneur, and in 2005, elevated his title to Officier. He is the author of many books about wine, including *Bordeaux*, *Burgundy*, *The Wines of the Rhone Valley*, and *Parker's Wine Buyer's Guide*. Visit the author online at www.eRobertParker.com.