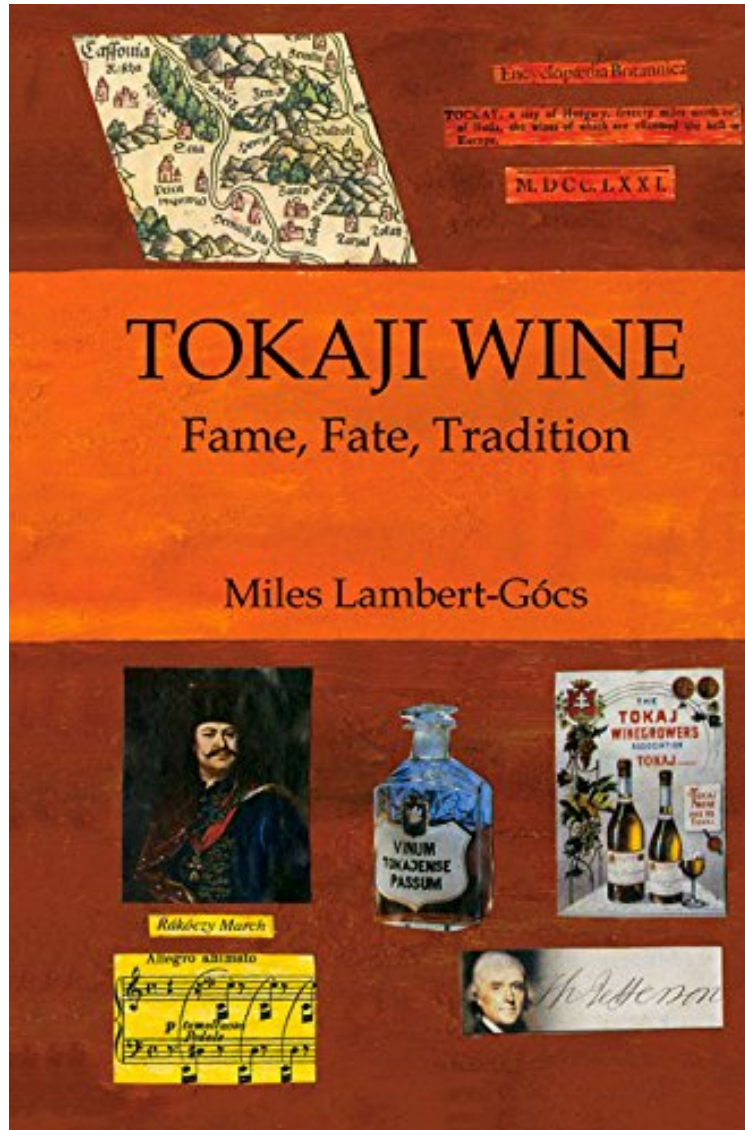


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3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. Nectar From HeavenBy TMGLet's assume you enjoy wine and perhaps even look forward to a fine cognac or brandy after that special meal.Well then, you must get a copy of the new book TOKAJI WINE [pronounced TOEkai] by award-winning wine writer Miles Lambert-Gocs.In this his fourth just-released and best book, the well-traveled author chronicles the storied history attached to this unique golden-wine

from Hungary. What do you mean you've never heard of it? Connecting his research, expertise and Hungarian lineage with great enthusiasm Lambert-Gócs offers the reader an unconventional but wonderfully readable four parts, each in A to Z subject format preceded by a brief introductory essay. The alphabetical listings contain many cross-references, which can become addictive; you will unconsciously find yourself flipping pages to read it like a mystery novel. The first part, for example, entices you with history dating back to the year 896 when Magyars, who were to become modern-day Hungarians, arrived from southern Russia. He reveals how tokaji evolved down through the centuries, snaring many wine lovers in its grasp, including Thomas Jefferson for one, who had it shipped to Monticello. To find out why Jefferson and so many other famous men and women became enamored with this fruit of the vine, check the wine list or after-dinner drink menu at your favorite restaurant. Try it for yourself. And of course, the author concludes with modern times and tells you how to identify the good stuff. TMG1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Enjoy a Great Time in Hungary with some Great Wine! By Henry Noland Looking for a perfect present for a wine enthusiast, a friend or relative of Hungarian descent, or anyone considering a trip to Hungary? This is the book for you, and for them. Written in a unique format, the author presents an encyclopedic amount of information in A to Z order interspersed with introductions and essays in various categories of data relevant to Tokaji Wine. With numerous fascinating cross references, it is difficult to read the book straight through, but like the wine, this is not really a book to be taken all at one gulp, but enjoyed in sips, frequently but not too much at one time. The text is well written and a pleasure to read, well documented with respect to reference materials without being overly scholastic in tone. Every paragraph of prose or alphabetical entry is like a grape for the reader to enjoy at leisure, with an extraordinary amount of detail about the region and its wines, their history, and details about wine and winemaking in general, and also a fabulous amount of annotation in Hungarian, as well as in Greek and other languages. (The author is also one of our foremost experts on Greek wine - hopefully they will put his stellar "Wines of Greece" back into print one of these days!) To make a long story short, this book has quite a bit going for it: interesting, informative, and fun on many levels. And I have never even had a sip of this famous wine! You can be sure that I am going to buy the first bottle I find if it's not too expensive, which I expect it won't be, from all I have heard, and read, so far. At this price the book is certainly a bargain! 4 of 5 people found the following review helpful. Encyclopedic but Dull By Roger High This book is essentially divided into four parts, each part being encyclopedic entries arranged in alphabetical order. The entries present extensive information on all aspects of Tokaji wine, including the history thereof - the level of detail is certainly the strong point of the book, which will be of on-going use as reference material. As a book it is quite disjointed, particularly the historical section which bounces around from one time zone to another and frequently with recommendations to read another encyclopedic entry somewhere else in the book. I have been often told that a "picture tells 1000 words". This book does not contain even one picture and I felt that many entries required such a picture. The book does however present three "maps". I use the term "map" very loosely because they really are no more than sketches undertaken using any word processor software. Non-Hungarians do not know the layout of the present let alone the past Tokaji area well - at the very least the book deserved much better maps.

The world's first botrytis wine, Hungary's Tokaji won an enviable reputation centuries ago, but never before have the development of its wine types and the story of its ups and downs in fame and prestige been presented so fully in English. Relying on an array of Hungarian source materials, author Miles Lambert-Gócs sets the information out in encyclopedia fashion, with easily digested, A-to-Z entries that discuss the people, places, vineyard-tracts, grape varieties, and wine-making associated with this wine. Besides being an outstanding reference work, Tokaji Wine is sprinkled with fascinating notes and bacchic humor that make it a delight to read.

About the Author Miles Lambert-Gócs is the author of Desert Island Wine, Greek Salad, and The Wine of Greece.