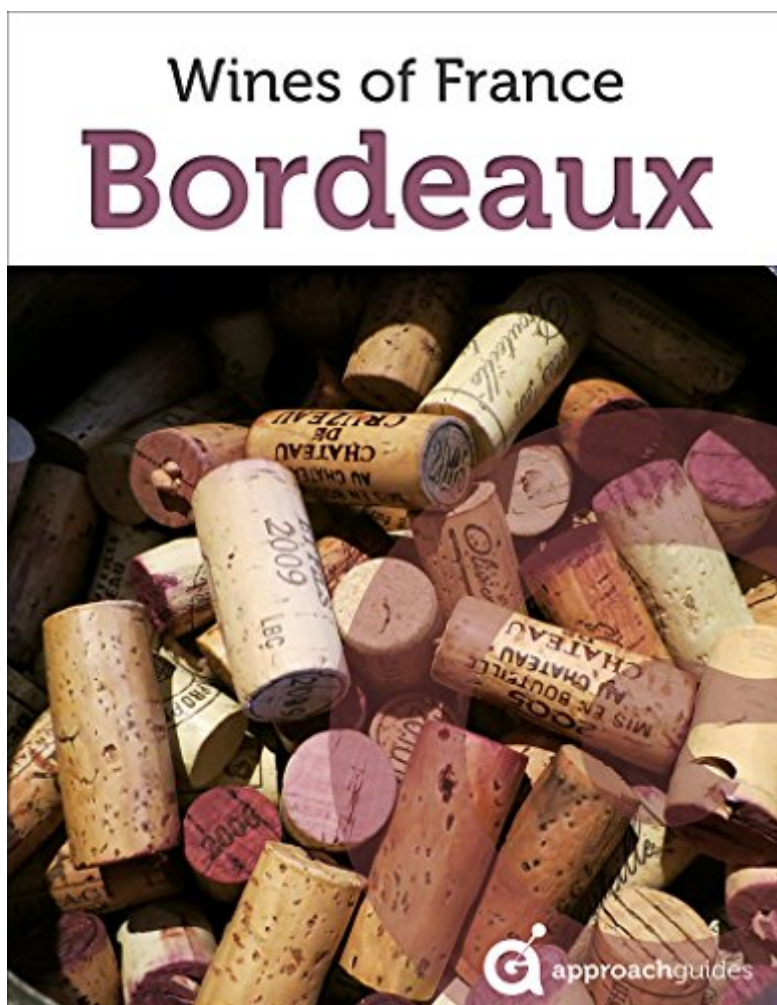


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# Bordeaux: Guide To The Wines Of France



## Synopsis

Located in southwest France and pierced through its center by the Gironde river, Bordeaux is probably France's, if not the world's, most famous wine-producing region. This Approach Guide is designed as a quick-reference resource for wine enthusiasts seeking to understand what makes Bordeaux's wines unique and make informed choices. (2017 update includes new vintage ratings)

What's in this wine guide:

- \* Grape varieties. We describe the primary red and white grape varieties in Bordeaux's famous blends and where they reach their highest expressions.
- \* Vintage ratings. We offer a straightforward vintage ratings table, which affords high-level insight into the best and most challenging years for wine production.
- \* A Bordeaux wine label. We explain what to look for on a Bordeaux wine label and what it tells you about what's in the bottle. In doing so, we provide background on Bordeaux's appellation system and its producer classifications.
- \* Appellation profiles. We provide detailed profiles of each of Bordeaux's appellations. For each appellation, this guide describes the prevailing terroir, the types of wine produced and what makes them distinctive.

A distinctive approach. This guidebook's approach is unique: rather than tell you what specific bottle of wine to order by providing individual bottle reviews, it gives you the information you require to make informed wine choices on any list.

- \* Recommendations. We mark our favorite appellations with asterisks (\*) • our selections have a record for providing quality, consistency and good values.

Information the way you like it. As with all of our guides, this book is optimized for intuitive, quick navigation; information is organized into bullet points to make absorption easy; trademark features of grapes and denominations are front and center.

**Publisher note:** This wine guide is focused on wine education, highlighting the unique aspects of Bordeaux's wine growing regions and grape varieties; this guide does not profile specific producers or rate individual wines.

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Most of this book walks through the appellations of Bordeaux with a page or so for each discussing location, soil, grapes grown, wines made, and the general characteristics of the wines and how they compare to those of other regions. It's OK for what it is, but doesn't strike me as having a lot of meat. To my thinking organizing it alphabetically rather than by wine region or type reduced its interest to me, but not everyone will agree on that point. Unfortunately the "look inside" doesn't extend far enough into the book to sample the heart of the book, but if you are looking for brief descriptions of the appellations this book may appeal to you. I liked [Amazon Pocket Guide to the wines of Bordeaux](#) better.

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Loved the overview of each AOC. This detail is very helpful to a relative newcomer to the wines of Bordeaux.

Good overview

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