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- Prestigious wines: principally from Bordeaux, Burgundy, or Champagne. The author, though not passing up Château d'Yquem, Pétrus, or Romanée Conti, deliberately sets aside the often dulled renown of other supposed "stars";
- Regional discoveries: wines from smaller-sized estates, primarily in Alsace, Champagne, the Southwest, the Jura, Provence, and the Rhône and Loire Valleys, where the methods of cultivation and the vintner's personal input produce wonders;
- Rebel wines: marvelous examples of the genius of vintners who choose to ignore the production criteria of the traditional "AOC" classification methods, preferring the inventiveness of original creations to the monotony of a minor vintage. For each of the 220 wines featured in this book, you will find:
  - The history of each estate and of its family-proprietors;
  - Local climatic and geological characteristics;
  - The wine-growing and wine-making techniques used;
  - A rating of the wine's aromatic and gustative qualities;
  - Capacity for in-the-bottle improvement;
  - Suggestions for meals or dishes to accompany the wine;
  - A full-page, color photograph of the bottle;
  - A complete technical chart of the wine chosen including a selection of the best vintages, a price guide, and complete contact information for the vineyard.

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