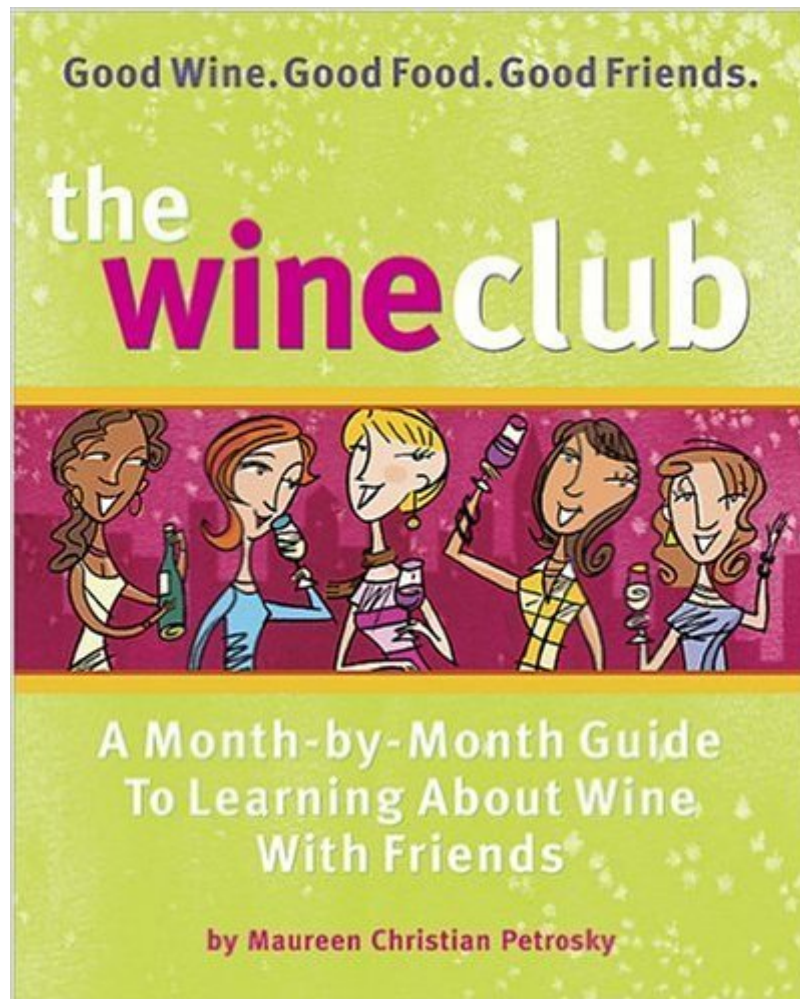


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The Wine Club: A Month-by-Month Guide To Learning About Wine With Friends



Synopsis

Everything you need to know about starting a wine club. This sassy handbook teaches you and your girlfriends the art of selecting, sampling, and sipping the fruit of the vine (while you indulge in the latest gossip, of course). A foolproof month-by-month plan by sommelier, Maureen Petrosky, highlights all the pesky details, so you and your girlfriends can sit back and sip. From still to sparkling and delicate whites to rich reds, each month's chapter singles out a grape for study and enjoyment-school was never like this! This course with class includes easy-does-it entertaining tips, taste-testing know-how, and tantalizing wine facts. Expert recommendations for brilliant wines at killer prices! What woman doesn't love a bargain? Wine-laden tidbits such as how to collect bottles for a personal wine stash. Outrageously scrumptious recipes that teach you simply to pair wine and food-it's a no-brainer. The latest on the snazziest wine gizmos and gadgets. Shoppers, start your engines. Demystified terminology: a short course in "wine speak"; makes any wine novice comfortable when shopping for and serving wine.

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Customer Reviews

I rated this book 4 stars rather than 5 because it lacks any pictures whatsoever and the print is hard to read. Otherwise, it is a must have. The print is dark purple on recycled paper and then the headings are written in a bold font with every other letter being regular font. It was distracting and almost seemed childish to have been typeset this way. There are also no actual pictures, just drawings. The book is divided into each month featuring a different varietal. The months are:

January, champagne; February, cabernet; March, syrah; April, merlot; May, viognier; June, riesling; July, chardonnay; August, sauvignon blanc; September, dessert wines; October, Zinfandel; November Pinot; December, pick your poison. So basically all the big grape types are covered. So far I have done the June and August tastings. For June the chapter explains all the different types of Rieslings. The author suggests having a tasting with a German Mosel wine, both Kabinett (dry) and Spatlese (less dry), an Alsace, France Riesling, upstate New York, California and then adding a ringer of a Gewurztraminer. The chapter goes on to explain what to look for in a Riesling, its typical characteristics, body, and finish. The food pairings are coconut frozen yogurt, sushi rice, salmon nigiri, spicy tuna sushi rolls, california sushi rolls, and vegetable sushi rolls. All recipes are provided. It was absolutely awesome. I invited 8 friends to share in the tasting and everyone loved it. We're now committing to doing it every month and we're using this book as a guide. It went over so well that friends over Christmas wanted to have the sushi and rieslings all over again. The next month we did the Sauvignon Blanc wines. I didn't follow the order of the book and you don't have to.

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