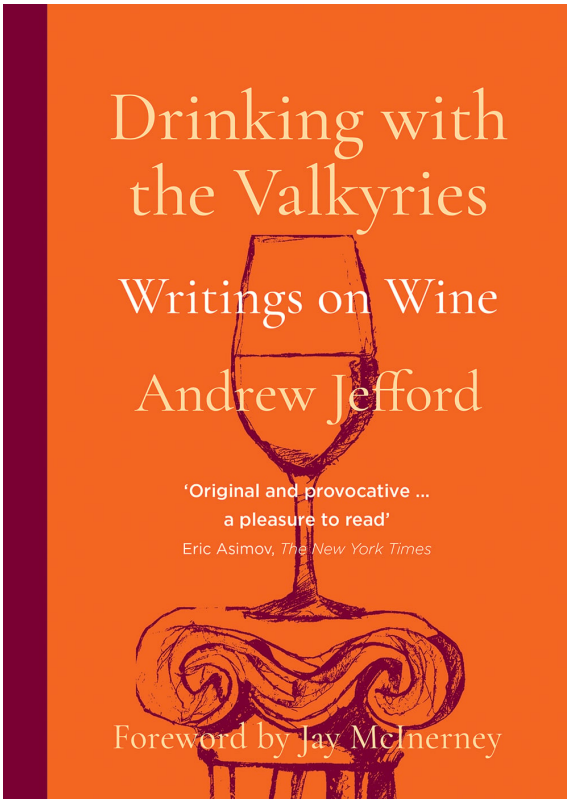
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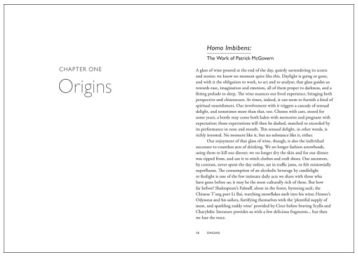
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Andrew Jefford writes and broadcasts about different places on earth, and the foods, drinks and scents connected with them. He has written for most of the UK's wine and food press and has columns in *Decanter* and *World of Fine Wine*. Andrew and his family live near Montpellier in France. "One of my favorite wine journalists, and a guy who is up in the top echelon with Matt Kramer and Jancis Robinson… Andrew Jefford, has an exceptionally fair and balanced piece on the free Decanter magazine website called…."Wither Tasting Notes"… most people would think this goes to the heart and soul of many wine magazines, blogs, etc. but he ,as he usually does, analyzes it in a rational way, something often missing in wine speak. BTW, his books, which I have consistently recommended, are another of his strengths. So heads-up." Robert Parker





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