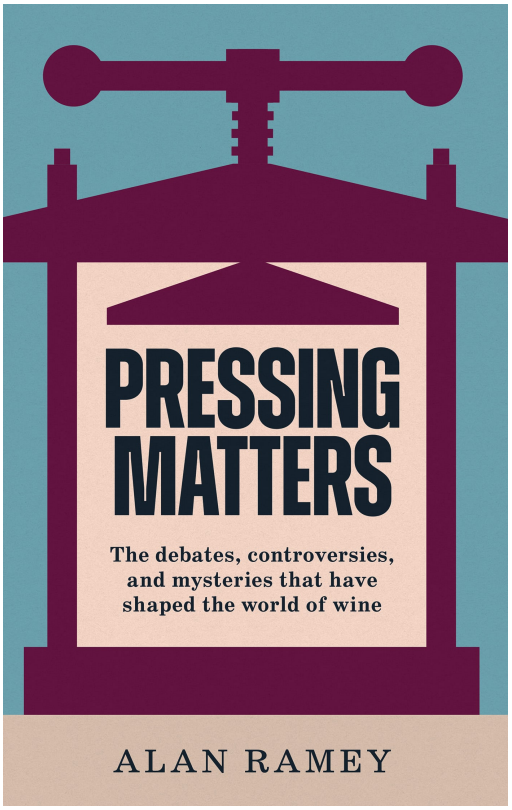
TITLE INFORMATION
Tel: +44 (0) 1394 389950
Email: uksales@accartbooks.com
Web: https://www.accartbooks.com/uk



Pressing Matters

The Debates, Controversies and Mysteries that have Shaped the World of Wine

Alan Ramey

ISBN	9781913141929
Publisher	Academie du Vin Library
Binding	Hardback
Territory	World excluding Australia
Size	234 mm x 153 mm
Pages	220 Pages
Price	£20.00

- An insider's look at the key issues facing the wine world in the 21st century
- A primer for anyone interested in this vital drink, whether an armchair drinker or someone in the industry
- Controversial and polemic, yet also filled in science, evidence and logic
- Will become a wine book classic

"This compact book is a real treat… Unlike so many wine books, Pressing Matters is genuinely readable – so much so that I devoured it in a matter of days." — **Decanter**

"The book is peppered with delicious titbits and quirky connections…It's collaborative, an invitation to all voices, a book that turns opposing sides into a campfire circle of conversation, stories and collective wisdom." — **Tamlin Currin, JancisRobinson**

Pressing Matters explains the fundamental debates in wine, from terroir, production and farming, to tasting, wine's cultural significance and the economic value of wine. By focusing on wine through the prism of the key fights within each topic, the book presents readers with a story that includes the messiness, human fragility and disagreement about core principles that so often gets skipped at the outset of wine knowledge. The book fairly showcases all sides of the most important debates in wine today, giving the available evidence as well as commenting on what we don't know. Aimed at those just starting on their wine journey, ***Pressing Matters*** is a lively and thoroughly researched history of all the key current wine controversies, written by an author with wine making in his blood, who knows the wine business from the inside.

– Lays out the key current wine controversies in a way that is easily accessible for the non-scientist and those new to wine literature.
– Examines the evidence from experts on both sides of each argument to allow readers to make up their own minds on current hot topics in wine.
– Goes behind the label to explain the buzz words, trends and wine speak used by the wine media.
– Helps readers see clearly today's bigger wine picture in order to make better informed wine-buying decisions.
– Author is active within the wine scene in California and beyond, and a popular speaker at wine events.

Alan Ramey comes from a vintner family in the Sonoma/Napa area north of San Francisco, California. He is currently co-president of the family winery. He learned wine making as an apprentice to his father, one of the most famous winemakers in the US, and has also studied wine making and apprenticed in Chile and France, including harvests at Veramonte in Casablanca and Méo-Camuzet in Burgundy. While studying for his MBA at Cambridge University he was selected to join the blind wine tasting team, competing around Europe. He is a board member for the California Wine Institute and is active in the wine community. Alan was on his high school and college debate teams and during his study abroad year at Oxford he won the 'best new debater of the year' competition. (Instagram @rameywinecellars, 6,351 followers)







Published 6th Feb 2026