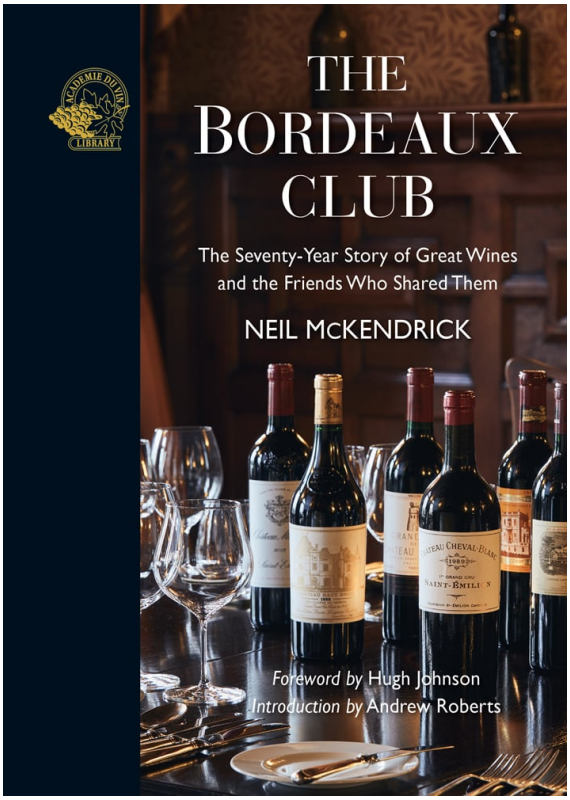
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The convivial adventures of 12 friends and the world's finest wine

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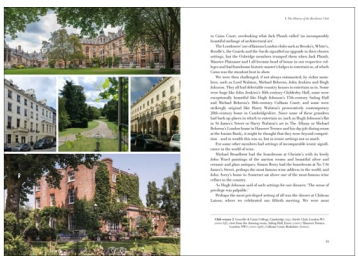
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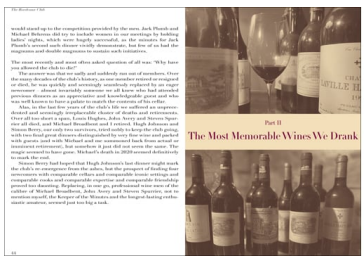
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