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52 Wines That Matter

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- **52 wines, 52 stories:** A personal selection of exceptional French wines, each with its own identity, origin and story to tell
- **Beyond prestige and price:** Renowned icons meet lesser-known discoveries, selected for authenticity, character and emotion rather than status or price
- This book is the first volume in a series of six. The following volumes will cover: Italy; Spain; Germany – Switzerland – Austria; North and South America; and Oceania
- Author of the successful books *150 Bars You Need to Visit Before You Die* and *It's 5 O'clock Somewhere*

52 Wines That Matter – France brings together 52 exceptional French wines that tell a story far beyond what is written on the label. Rather than following a traditional ranking, the book presents a personal selection of wines with a strong sense of identity, made by passionate winemakers. Every bottle reflects its origins, grape variety and vintage, as well as the craftsmanship and vision of the person who made it. Renowned icons sit alongside lesser-known discoveries, with prestige and price taking a back seat to authenticity, character and emotion. These are wines that stay with you — wines that spark conversations, create memories and invite you to discover something new. In short, 52 wines that every wine lover should experience at least once.

Jurgen Lijcops is a Belgian sommelier, drinks expert and hospitality entrepreneur with more than three decades of experience in the world of wine and gastronomy. Twice named Belgium's Best Sommelier, he has worked at some of the country's leading restaurants and is the founder of Bar Burbure in Antwerp. He is also the author of several books on wine, cocktails and spirits, driven by a passion for exceptional drinks and the stories behind them.

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