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The first part of the book reviews wine production in all regions of France geographically. The second part contains profiles and information about the 500 leading vineyards.

*Wines of France* provides a comprehensive account of the vineyards and wines of France today. Offering unparalleled range, France has been the world's most important wine-producing country for more than a hundred years, and is the source of the major grape varieties now grown all over the world. Extensively illustrated with photographs and maps of each area, *Wines of France* reviews wine production in all regions of France, from the top appellation wines to discoveries in Vins de France. Selected wines are suggested as an introduction to each area. From the classics of Burgundy and Bordeaux, to the sparkling wines of Champagne, and the challenging climates of Alsace and the Loire, from the Rhône to the Languedoc and Provence, all of France's wine regions are included. Each chapter ends with detailed vintage information. France's wines are better than ever, but have never been so challenged by competition. Considering the tension between tradition and modernism, *Wines of France* asks whether France is still the essential reference point for grape varieties and wine styles, explains how production is changing in established regions, and identifies new emerging regions. Leading vineyards and winemakers are profiled in detail, with suggestions for wines to try and vineyards to visit. With comprehensive coverage of the wine-producing regions, and reviews of 500 wine producers, this is the indispensable guide to the wines of France. Contents: The State of France; Burgundy & Beaujolais; Bordeaux & the Southwest; Champagne & Crémant; Alsace; The Loire; The Rhône; Languedoc & Provence; The Challenge to France.

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