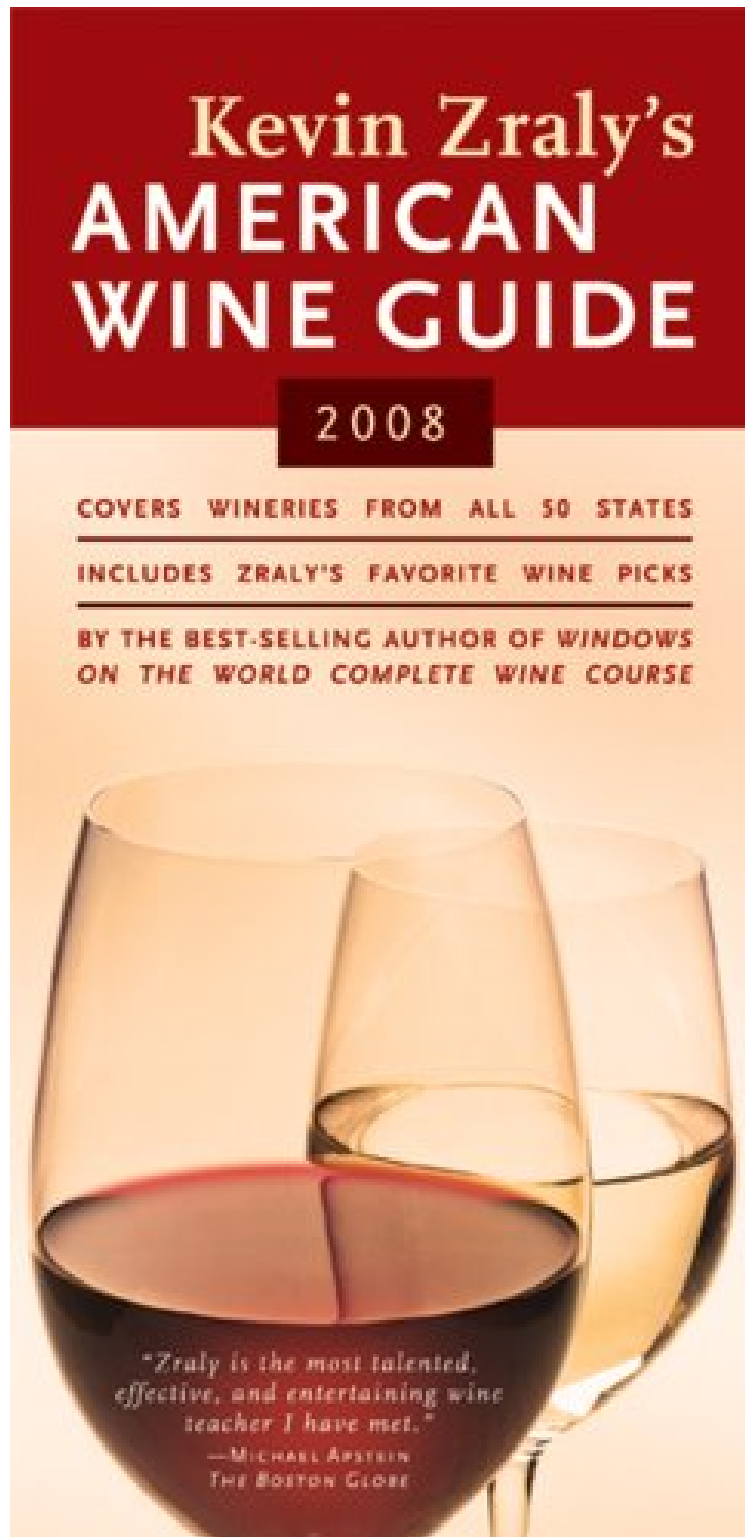


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Kevin Zraly : Kevin Zraly's American Wine Guide: 2008 before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Kevin Zraly's American Wine Guide: 2008:

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Five StarsBy David MccanseGreat read1 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Did what he wanted it to do.By Melanie K. WellnerMy husband teaches wine classes at a local community college. I ordered this book for him to have a guide to American wineries. It was an excellent guide for that purpose. It listed wineries by state with very helpful information included about each state's wineries. He loves it.7 of 7 people found the following review helpful. Interesting but Not what I expectedBy David RossThis is a much smaller book which incorporates some of the material from Zraly's Windows on the World Complete Wine Course: 2008 Edition (Windows on the World Complete Wine Course) but is limited to American Wines only. The information on the most important American wine growing states (California, Washington, Oregon and New York) and grape varieties is often word-for word identical between the two books.The unique feature of this book is the state-by-state description of wineries, growing regions, wine trails, and the grapes grown in all 50 states. For example Delaware has only 2 wineries (the least of any state) while California has more than 1600 wineries. Even Alaska has six wineries and Hawaii has four. Wyoming, which Zraly describes as having the lowest wine production of any state has three wineries. There are expanded though still short descriptions of the 5th through 10th place wine producing states (Pennsylvania, Virginia, Colorado, North Carolina, Texas, and Michigan) that don't appear elsewhere. Zraly writes in an entertaining and easy to read style here as elsewhere and the illustrations are crisp and pleasant.Individual wines are not reviewed or rated and only wines from California, Washington and Oregon are recommended in this book due to the limited availability of wines from other states. The list is the same here as in "Wine Course". In short this book was not what I expected since the only unique material is the state-by-state review of wineries and grapes. His hardcover "Wine Course" covers more much more information making it a better value and better suited for most readers interested in learning about wine. The limited scope and simple format make this an accessible "teaser" book for the complete wine novice however. It is also useful as a guide for hard core wine tourists of lesser known growing states and those interested in the wine industry in these states.

Americans are drinking more wine now than they ever have before, noted Kevin Zraly, and that burgeoning interest led him to create the first edition of this sparkling guide, devoted solely to American wines. The only book to cover vineyards from all 50 states (yes, including Alaska!), it quenched our need for advice on this booming, underserved subject. Now its revised, and this new vintage is better than ever, with even more information for wine lovers to savor. Everything previously included is still intactthe fascinating history and background details, the magnificent spreads with maps of the wine-growing areas, the handsome labels, the fact boxes on each state, the great wine selections from Kevin (many at under \$15). But now each state-by-state entry will include enhanced coverage of vineyard tours, existing wine trails, and how to purchase wine, as well as Kevins always-entertaining and informative personal anecdotes. Theres also greatly expanded information on six of the top ten wine producing states: Pennsylvania, Virginia, Colorado, North Carolina, Texas, and Michigan. And the volume looks fantastic too, with an improved trim size and paper that makes it easier to use. Of course, all the wine lists and recommendations are completely up-to-date.