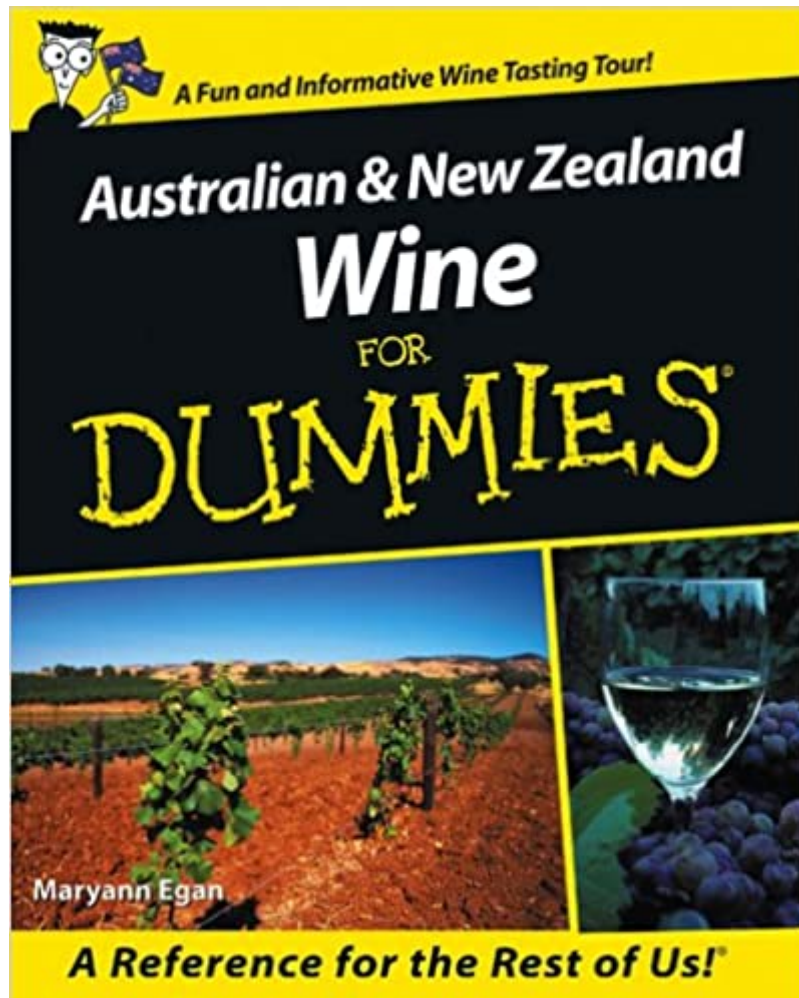




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Maryann Egan is the wine writer for Donna Hay magazine, a leading food magazine in Australia. Also she lectured in the wine appraisal course for the Charles Sturt Oenology Degree. For Maryann, life began among the vines and wine when, in 1963, her father established Wantirna Estate vineyard in the Yarra Valley, Victoria, Australia. Growing up with a wine-mad family (traipsing through the vineyards of Europe for holidays) prepared her for a life in the wine business. Wantirna is now her main focus. Wantirna Estate is tiny in comparison with some of the huge Australian wine business but size doesn't have to count. Her father primarily looks after the vines, Maryann looks after the wines and her mother looks after the computer stuff. The winery makes four wines, each proudly named after a granddaughter-Isabella Chardonnay, Lily Pinot Noir, Amelia Cabernet Merlot and Hannah and, in doing so, spends a lot of time in the vineyard maximizing the potential quality of the fruit. Maryann's work experience in the wine industry began after completing a physical education degree. Backpacking on a trip to Europe, she worked a vintage in Burgundy with Sophie Confuron at Jean Jacques Confuron in Premaz-Prissey, France. A year in Paris learning French followed. On returning to Australia, she traded physical education for a degree in oenology (more commonly known as wine science), at Charles Sturt University in Wagga Wagga, New South Wales. Maryann then worked for a few years at the family winery, interspersed with vintages in the NSW Hunter Valley winery, Tyrell's Wines, and in Bordeaux, France, in the MÃfÂdoc wine region. She returned to Australia to take up a winemaking position with Domaine Chandon in the Yarra Valley, where she remained for almost six years as a winemaker before leaving to have her first daughter. Maryann became a regular contributor to the Australian Gourmet Traveler Wine magazine and was a member of the magazine's main tasting panel. As part of this role, she was a judge for the prestigious 'The Wine Magazine Winemaker of the Year' award.

This book is filled with information. Information that is mainly useless. I usually read 60 pages a day reading about wine, but I always dreaded having to read 10 pages a day from this book. Everything is repeated over and over again. There is no pronunciation guide, so if you see an unusual word that you do not know how to say, you'll feel like you're losing ground by not saying it right. The main maps of Australia and New Zealand are somewhat decent, but the maps that they give for each region, for each chapter or section, are so detailed that there is no way you can reference where about they are in that specific region. Meaning they zoomed into roads, not cities (unlike French and Italian Wines for Dummies). To cut to the chase, the only positive thing I could come up with about this book, is that it is a rather large book and it would look good in your wine book shelf to impress friends. :)

I have read French and Italian Wine for Dummies over and over again and always find something new and useful. Australian and New Zealand Wine for Dummies, on the other hand, is a tough slog even one time through. The bland writing style is bad enough but what is really annoying is that the author refrains from making recommendations. No "look for these producers", no "following is my list of recommended Clare Valley wines" - just general descriptions.

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