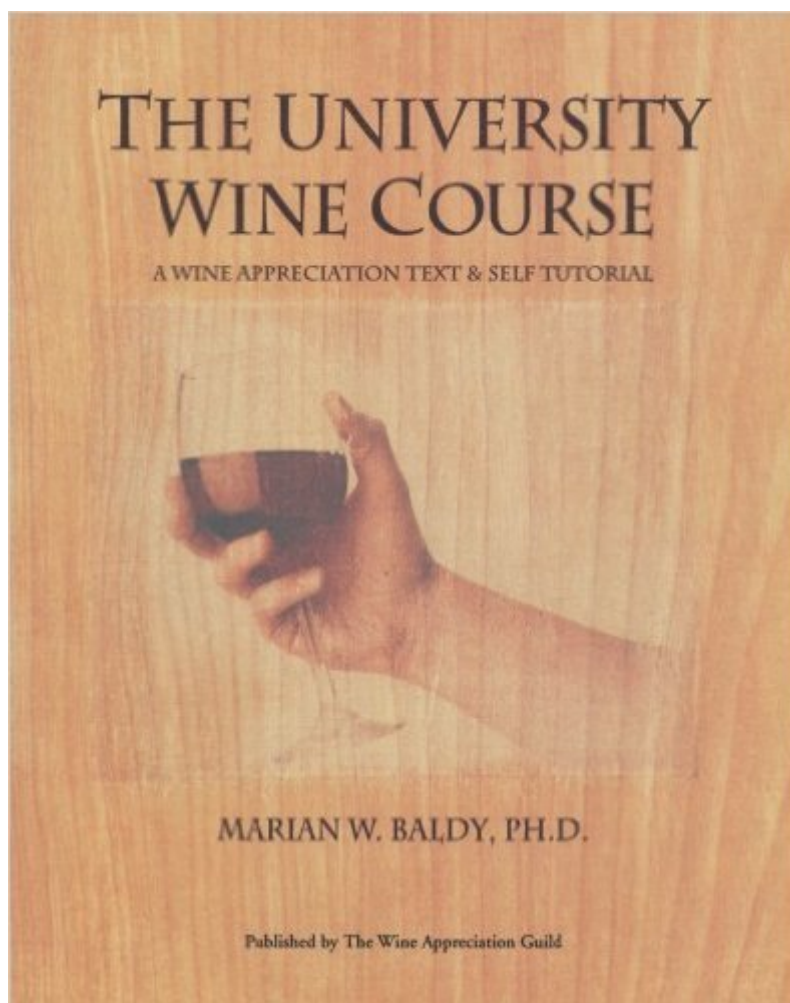


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The University Wine Course: A Wine Appreciation Text & Self Tutorial



Synopsis

For over 20 years the most widely used wine textbook in higher education courses, The University Wine Course provides a 12-week program for learning about wine in-depth, from sensory evaluation to the science of viticulture and winemaking. Written and organized in a user friendly style, this book serves as a comprehensive-yet-easy resource for self-tutoring. Includes chapter exams and answers, study guides, lab exercises, final exams and extensive references and bibliography. Illustrated with appendixes on Wine & Food, Label Reading, Do-It-Yourself Labs, Student tasting notes and more. Dr. Baldy is a USDA award-winning professor of sciences who has operated her own vineyard and winery and has taught wine appreciation for academic credits to university students for over 20 years. A Teacher's Manual is available from the publisher.

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Customer Reviews

Finally! This is the wine book I've been searching for! Dr. Baldy presents a wine appreciation course in a serious yet accessible format that goes far beyond the surface-level information provided in typical books on wine. She not only writes about aromas and flavors in wine, she discusses sensory perception and how to develop it. Having taught for many years, she understands her students' concerns and insights, and both shares and addresses them for the readers, giving us the sense of being brought into her classroom. Her approach is systematic, practical, and thoroughly enjoyable. Each unit includes a quiz, practical exercises, and supplemental (though now somewhat dated) bibliography. The book is designed in such a way that it can be adapted for personal study, for use

in small groups, or in a classroom setting. This is a very welcome addition to any serious wine-lover's library.

Who else has explained the scientific reasons behind the making, taste, and food-matching of wine in such a friendly, easy-to-follow way? No one. An award-winning teacher of enology and genetics, Professor Baldy's years of wine making and teaching experience show: she respects wine learners, so she gives them the technological wine information they must have in order to understand wine and their reactions to it. And mixed in with these thorough scientific presentations, Marian's tasting exercises and humorous comments guide readers to use what they learn to increase their daily appreciation and choice of wines. Thank you, Dr. Baldy, for a major, needed work.

Unfortunately, the Kindle version has numerous misspellings and worst of all, the many charts that are crucial to an understanding of the book, cannot be magnified enough to read them. Buy the paperback for a few dollars more and get better quality.

What I like about this book is that it has fill-in-the-blank review questions at the end of every chapter so that you can test yourself on the information that you just read. It primarily focuses on sensory evaluation of wines and how to describe them.

If you want to really know wine, this is the book. This book is used in the California State University as an elective class. If you complete the book and take the reviews and quizzes you are bound to learn much about wine and other aspects in the wine making. For the thirst in learning about wine, this is the book.

This book gets 4 stars for the amazing amount of wine information the author provides. Although heavy in it's focus on CA and about 20 years old, this is still a great book for wine knowledge and will probably stand the test of time (already has in my opinion) as a "must read" wine book for wine nuts like myself. The tests at the end of each section and the tastings that you try were my favorite part of this book. The only reason I didn't give it 5 stars is because I downloaded the Kindle edition which has WAY too many typos in it. I would recommend getting this in a written version not just because of the typos but because it has tests/tastings that could benefit from writing on the pages and flipping back and forth.

While the information contained in the book is excellent, the many typos, wrong words and general lack of copyediting make for a frustrating read, especially if you are attempting to answer the review questions. These errors are present in the ebook version.

This book is being used as a study guide for a wine course as a number of the questions on the exam are taken from topics in the book. The book is very comprehensive without being too technical. The material is well organized, easy to access and more than covers the points required for the necessary study. Excellent study guide/aid or as a resource for those who love wine.

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