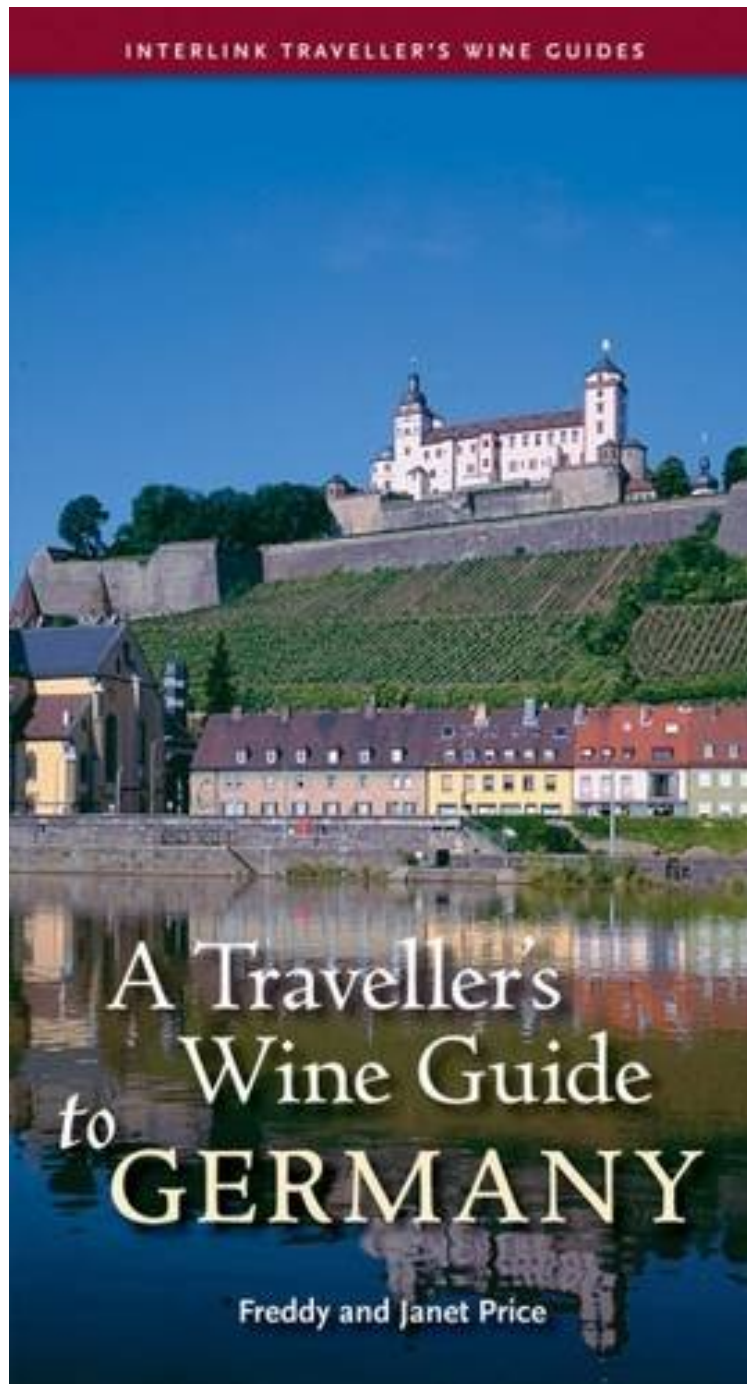


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**Freddy Price, Janet Price : A Traveller's Wine Guide to Germany (Traveller's Wine Guides)** before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised *A Traveller's Wine Guide to Germany* (Traveller's Wine Guides):

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. A useful resource for foodie travel planning, though not your only guidebook. By Esther Schindler. Why yes, we DO plan our vacations based on foodie destinations -- and wine locales, too. Doesn't everyone carefully check the calendar before a Germany trip to see if asparagus are in season? Sheesh, it's like other stuff matters. Well, okay, I guess it does. But a few years ago we spent two days at a winery on the Mosel, and came home with a case of goldkapsul wine. When we finished the case, it was time to plan another trip. That caused me to pull out several of my German wine books, such as *Riesling Renaissance*, and to realize how old they'd become. Thus, I grabbed the latest issue of the *Traveller's Wine Guide to Germany* from the library to prepare myself. It's good at what it promises, but it's not a general guidebook either. Think of this as a good book for planning an itinerary rather than the book you keep in your backpack. The book starts with an introduction to German wine (from wine designations to dates for wine festivals) and a few pages about traveling to Germany. The rest of it is organized in 13 itineraries (primarily for motorists) reflecting each wine region. So, for example, the 24-page Mosel chapter runs from Koblenz to the Saar Valley, including where to stay and eat. Each chapter gets some history of the area (often starting with the Romans) and its wine-related viticulture (e.g. Riesling is king here, though Weissburgunder also has a very good reputation). You're instructed about a route to take (most follow a designated route, e.g. the Mosel Weinstrasse) and what to see along the way, either from a car window (the ruins of the 12th-century castle in Kobern-Gondorf) or by wandering around (the market square in Zell), with notations about particular vineyards ("A spectacular wall of vines above the nearby village, Wolf, includes a superb Riesling vineyard, Wolfen Goldgrube"). Each has some small representative photos, though they are more "illustrate the region" than "get a sense of what to expect." You do get a few notes that aren't wine-related, such as several paragraphs about the university and castle in Heidelberg, but you definitely need another guidebook for those. Yet -- while I haven't tried them yet -- I like the sensibility of the restaurant recommendations given the importance of their wine lists. It's all very even handed, with a sense of fairness to the many good producers. But the downside is that it doesn't help much with planning a trip with limited time (or sobriety). I'd like some kind of "If you have time to stop at only one or two wineries along this route, THESE are the must-sees, with going out of your way."

Anyone looking for delicious food and wine, stunning landscapes and a warm welcome will find Germany wine country truly delightful. The tremendous diversity of its wines is a revelation to many visitors to Germany. This book offers many tips on where to enjoy the local cuisine with these delightful wines as well as meeting the winemakers, as it guides visitors on a journey through Germany's thirteen wine regions. Germany's different regions have the largest hectareage of vines of any country in Europe. *A Traveller's Wine Guide to Germany* provides a basic introduction to German wine, from the vineyards to the cellars, with guidelines on what to expect when sampling it. It also takes the wine tourist on a journey through remote areas that are infrequently visited in order to taste the best of German wines. \* Itineraries and maps \* Local gastronomic specialties \* Hundreds of visitor-friendly wineries \* Descriptions of local and regional wines \* Museums and sightseeing points \* Lists of wine festivals and exhibitions \* Restaurants, hotels and wine stores \* Reference section, websites and glossary

"No one can lead us through the Riesling vineyard with a surer touch, with more assurance or more involvement than Freddy Price..." --Hugh Johnson "Offers invaluable information...clear, colorful maps, driving times from major cities, descriptions of the regions and their wines, short and lengthy itineraries and times and places for local wine festivals." --Frank Prial, *Wine Talk*, *The New York Times* "A boon to travellers and wine lovers alike... an astonishing amount of practical advice, historical and architectural information, and an easy-to-read breakdown of every wine area in their chosen countries... These books are sure to inspire holiday makers to set off in new directions." --Decanter Magazine *Traveller's Wine Guide to Germany*, by Freddy Price, photography by Janet Price, the latest in the *Traveller's Wine Guide* series, would be a very good traveling companion to any or all of Germany's 13 wine regions. Although the publisher has issued a previous edition of this title (text by Kerry Brady), this is now rewritten by Freddy Price, and contains new maps and photographs. Price clearly knows and can communicate what he's about. The attractively and durably produced book nicely addresses all wine tourists need to know to get the most out of their efforts and time. Although it cannot be expected to cover the infinite details of individual wines, vintages, or for the most part, producers, it does pay off informatively and usefully about the history and setting and major sites and players in each region, how to get around to see and taste, where you might sleep and eat, and the important background perspective. -- *New England Wine Gazette* Spring 2013 "A boon to travellers and wine lovers alike... an astonishing amount of practical advice, historical and architectural information, and an easy-to-read breakdown of every wine area in their chosen countries... These books are sure to inspire holiday makers to set off in new directions." --Decanter

Magazine About the Author Freddy and Janet Price's book *Riesling Renaissance* won the Gourmand World Cookbook Award for "The Best Book on Wine, Europe." Freddy joined the wine trade in 1953 and married Janet in 1957. He became involved in most aspects of wine: buying, selling, marketing, lecturing, judging on tasting panels, writing about wines and leading tours around wine regions. In 1988 he set up an agency representing seven major estates in different regions of Germany. He also began to write regular articles for *Decanter Magazine*. Meanwhile, Janet had travelled solo to most of the wine-growing regions of the world, taking photographs to illustrate numerous wine books (including the *Traveller's Wine Guides*) and magazines. Research for their book *Riesling Renaissance* (Mitchell Beazley, 2004) took them around all the relevant regions of Germany and Austria, Alsace, USA, Canada, Chile, Argentina, New Zealand, Australia and South Africa. Freddy was also awarded *Herkunft Deutschland* from the President of the VDP (association of top German wine estates) for his writing on German wines.