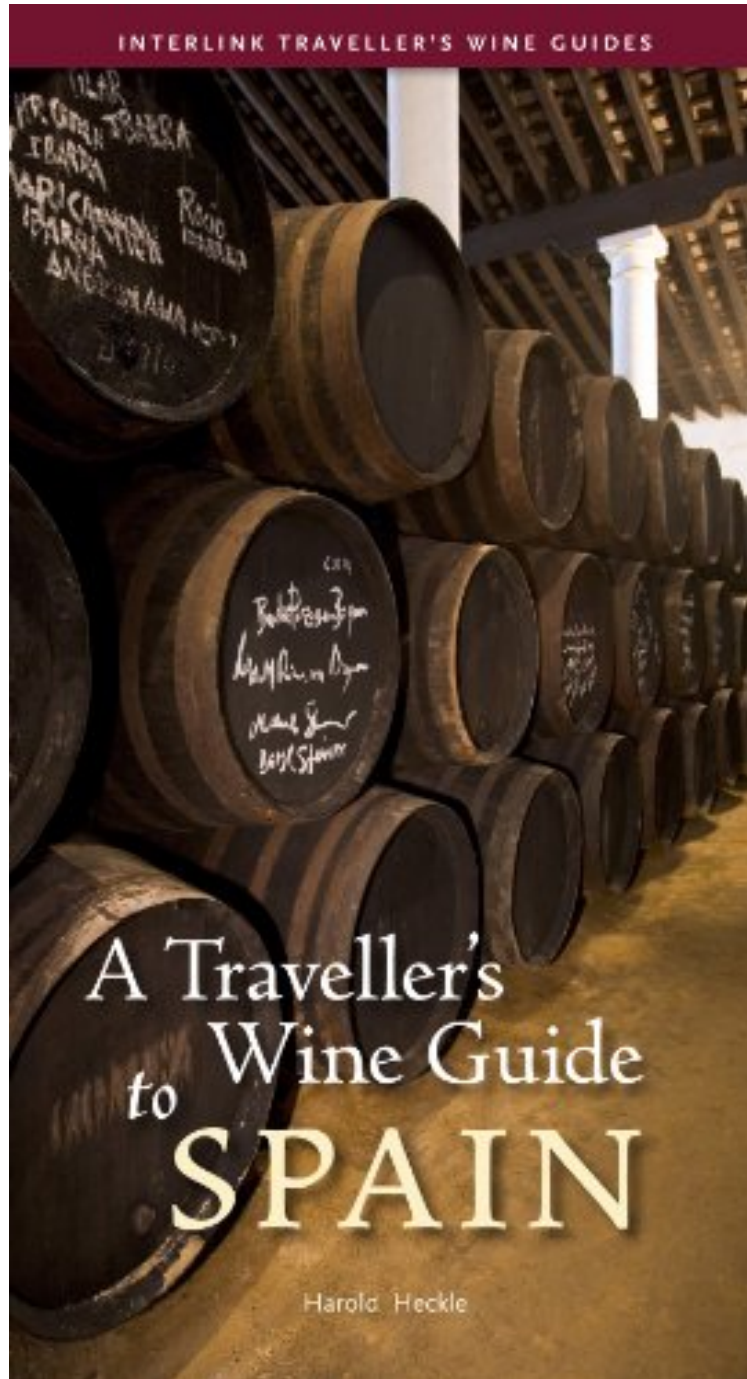


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**Harold Heckle : A Traveller's Wine Guide to Spain (Traveller's Wine Guides)** before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised A Traveller's Wine Guide to Spain (Traveller's Wine Guides):

4 of 5 people found the following review helpful. DisappointingBy YazdikhastThis book is a disappointment. It is much too lacking in detail - a bit surprising, because it has some excellent predecessors. "The Wine Atlas of Spain and Traveler's Guide to the Vineyards," by Hubrecht Duijker, was published in 1992. It sets a high standard but it was more expensive, so it is unrealistic to think that the new work would match it in every way. Unfortunately it fails to match it in any way. It is perhaps more fair to compare it to "The Wines of Spain and Portugal," a British 1988 publication by Metcalfe and McWhirter, which would be roughly the same price today. Unfortunately the new one delivers about half the information of the earlier work. Its eight pages on Aragon are so skimpy one wonders why it was included at all. It discusses only the Somontano region. It makes a one-line reference to Campo de Borja and no mention of Calatayud or Carinena. This is despite several wine sellers telling me that "Calatayud reds are the new inexpensive favorite for group functions." (I confess I have found several Calatayud reds that I really like.) The Introduction of the book is also thin, and the text is corrupted. Between page xvi and xx the pages are scrambled, or perhaps just some of the information on the pages. Topics and/or sentences which should be continued on the next page are not. I'm not familiar with Interlink Press, but surely they can do better than this, and surely they should have caught it before they shipped. (I do not know if these errors occurred on all copies, but there must be at least a batch.)2 of 3 people found the following review helpful. Not a Practical Wine GuideBy Roger HighWhat a disappointment - I think this book tried to cover too large an area and it would have been more useful if several guides were produced for a number of regions, more details about getting to some of the bodegas and importantly which bodegas have English speaking staff to receive their guests. First a couple of good points - good paper quality, good photo reproduction and good binding. After these there are not a lot of good points.A travellers guide just has to have good maps - the maps in this guide have no scale, maps appear to be of different scale so that the area fits to one page - so you dont have a clue about distances. The Rioja map has no key explaining the color coding. All maps have a compass with west opposite north and south opposite east - incorrect compass directions also occur in the text; towns / roads / highways and bodegas mentioned in the text are not shown or at least not labelled on the maps. There is a major disconnect between the maps, text and photos eg a photo of Montilla is in the Jerez section and vice versa, also incorrect photo captions eg Osborne cellars said to be in Jerez when actually in El Puerto; the area of Bierzo is shown on the map in the Castille section of the guide, but the text for this area is in the northwest Spain section of the guide (the map of which does not show the Bierzo area).A previous reviewer described the scrambled text in the introduction - also occurred in my copy. There are numerous other minor issues, but the overwhelming impression is that this book is not a practical guide - sure it refers the reader to other web sites for more information, but I want to see this information in a practical wine guide book.1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Excellent companion for your trip to SpainBy Michel S. MoushabeckMy wife and I just came back from Spain. We traveled the country with this wine guide in hand. We found the information very reliable and appreciated the valuable advice it gave. Compared to other wine titles we considered purchasing, we liked its small, compact, travel-friendly size, which allowed us to carry it with us everywhere. The maps were helpful at the planning stage, but while in Spain we used a more extensive road map as well as a GPS. All in all, we are happy with this up-to-date guidebook and recommend it to any wine enthusiast planning a trip to Spain.

Spain has more land under vine than any other country in Europe, and over the past thirty years has transformed its wine industry into one of the greatest in the world. Using a unique combination of native and imported grape varieties, Spain now produces a wide range of quality wines. Yet its wine regions and villages, many of which are located in unspoiled and remote areas, remain relatively unknown. The authors introduce the wine-loving traveler to these regions, providing a background to their wines and leading bodegas, or wineries.

"...astonishing amount of practical advice" --Decanter Magazine"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 TimesNot just oenophiles will appreciate these handsome, basic guides for two of the world's major wine producers: California and Spain. Just over pocket-sized, hefty, with quality paper, both books (from Interlink's Traveller's Wine Guides series) display nearly identical formats. They offer an abundance of color photographs, illustrations, and maps that add to the attractiveness of their destinations. While the authors eschew public transportation in favor of the private auto for wine touring, their maps lack sufficient detail for point-to-point driving. Whether promoting a winery in California or a bodega in Spain, travel writer Holmes (Frommer's 25 Great Drives in California) and wine writer Heckle, who updated the text of the late Desmond Begg (The Vodka Companion: A Connoisseur's Guide), infuse their information with first-person

knowledge and enthusiasm. Each wine-producing region covered includes additional listings for dining, sightseeing, special attractions, accommodations, and wine-related events. Holmes covers California wine regions from the wildly popular Napa-Sonoma area to the little-known Central Valley towns of Lodi, Clarksburg, and Madera. In Spain, Heckle shares the historical delights of Andalusia's Sherry Triangle and Aragon's famous vineyards of Rioja within the nine regions he explores. Verdict Wine tasting at the source has become a major attraction for many travelers, and both books provide an excellent series of itineraries for trip planners looking for a themed tour. --Library Journal

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