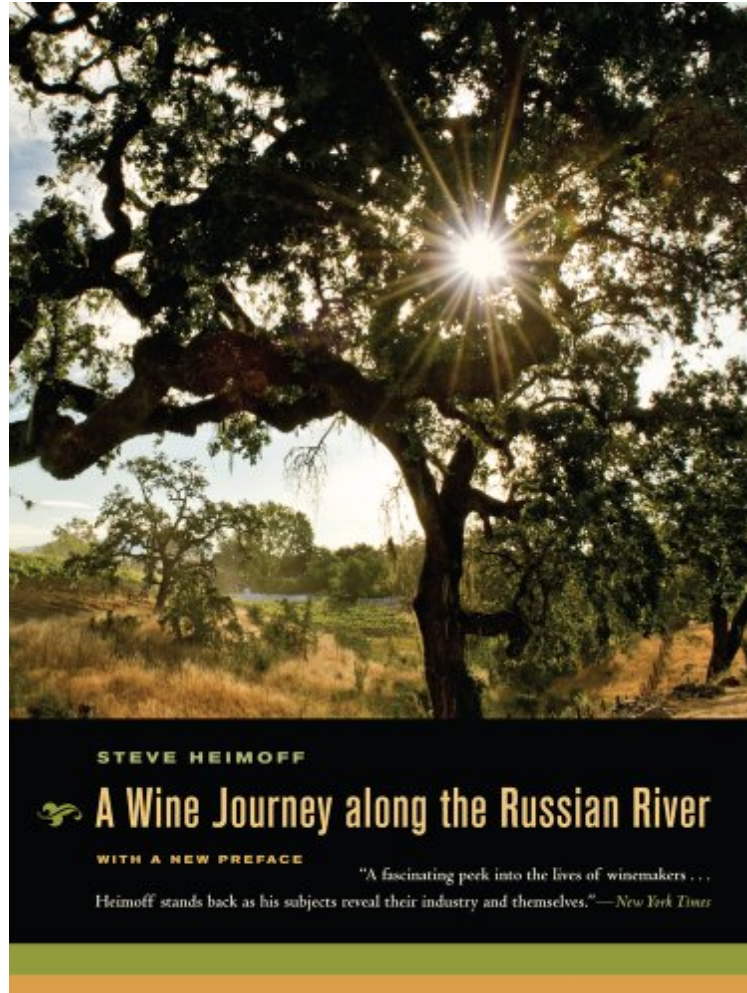


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Steve Heimoff : A Wine Journey along the Russian River before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised A Wine Journey along the Russian River:

3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. A beautiful travelogue that expresses the soul of Russian River wine countryBy Sitting in SeattleThis is a delightful book that brings Sonoma County, its wines, and winemakers to life. Heimoff is one of the fairest and most influential wine critics publishing today (Wine Enthusiast, his own blog), yet he is never pretentious. In this book, as in so many of his columns, he simply expresses the joy of wine, its place, and its people.The book's story arc involves an intermittent canoe trip down the Russian River. Along the way, Heimoff describes the geology, the land, the vineyards, wines, winemakers, and a bit of history. It made the Russian River Valley seem much more personal, and inspired me to visit some of the producers I had missed before. I also dream of following a similar trip and seeing places such as the Rochioli vineyard from the river.One of the best passages in the

book features winemakers doing a blind tasting of their own wines. I won't describe the results, but they were educational and amusing ... and I often read two of the key paragraphs when I host wine tastings wine friends. If you enjoy Sonoma wines and would like to understand more about their place and producers, this is a wonderful book. 2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. *A Wine Journey along the Russian River* By Allan G. Bennett This very well written book provides a wonderful background for anyone interested in visiting this beautiful and fascinating area. The author's obvious love for the region, its growers and vintners, and its wines are totally convincing. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. *Russian River Wine* By Dean Having visited the area many times, I found the writing to be limited. I have a very hard time seeing how helpful the volume would be for a newbie. However, despite some obvious ads, it would add some depth for reference.

Steve Heimoff takes readers on an intimate and enlightening tour of one of California's most diverse and accomplished wine areas as he travels along the Russian River and talks with growers and vintners from the Cabernet country of the Alexander Valley to the Pinot Noir producers of the Sonoma coast. This first comprehensive look at the natural history and winemaking practices of the region by one of America's most respected wine critics brings the Russian into the exalted company of the great wine rivers of the world—the Loire, the Rhone, the Rhine, the Mosel, and the Douro. Part wine guidebook, part history and geology, and part travelogue of the author's adventures in wine country, *A Wine Journey along the Russian River* is essential reading for wine lovers—both those fortunate enough to be familiar with the region and those who have never been there. Heimoff guides readers along the length of the scenic river, from its warm, northern border with Mendocino out to foggy Jenner. He discusses the history and progress of Alexander Valley Zinfandel and Cabernet Sauvignon, Russian River Valley and Sonoma coast Pinot Noir, Sonoma County's Rhone-oriented wines, old-style field blends, and other interesting wines. In the process, he introduces readers to many of the growers and vintners who have made Sonoma County famous: Dick Arrowood, the Rochioli, the Seghesios, Tom Jordon, Bob Cabral of Williams Selyem, Jess Jackson of Kendall-Jackson, Merry Edwards, and many others. Describing how the river's formation and evolution, both products of the planet's fiery tectonic past, as well as the region's complex climate, have created the potential for unparalleled viticultural enclaves, and recounting how a variety of people realized that potential, Heimoff provides a fascinating explanation of why the Russian River's reputation as a premium winegrowing region continues to grow.

From Publishers Weekly Heimoff, West Coast editor of *Wine Enthusiast*, knows far more about California wine, how it's made and those who make it than the average wine buff. His meandering tour of Sonoma County's wine world along the Russian River in 2003 is not for bargain-bin devotees. Heimoff's wine descriptions are tantalizing, and he includes a useful list of recommended wines and producers for those looking to develop knowledge of the region. His reportage on the development of certain grapes in the area, such as Alexander Valley's cabernet sauvignon and Russian River Valley's pinot noir, is nicely balanced between anecdotal and factual. And his descriptions of encounters with prominent growers and vintners, some of which include photos, are particularly enjoyable. However, densely detailed prose intended to include readers in the author's travels along the river is occasionally superfluous and distracting (e.g., "The sun was getting hot on my head, so I put on a baseball cap"). Those with a casual interest in wine can certainly benefit from Heimoff's intensive exploration of Sonoma County, but full appreciation for this carefully researched paean to the geological richness, colorful history and continuously evolving wines of the area is reserved for true wine aficionados, committed viticulturists and curious local historians. (Sept.) Copyright copy; Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved. From the Inside Flap "Entertaining and well written, this comprehensive look at a very important wine region provides the sweep of history and personal portraits of the key players. "—Anthony Dias Blue, author of *Anthony Dias Blue's Pocket Guide to Wine* "The ultimate achievement for any wine is to express its place of origin. And tasting that "place" in a wine is the ultimate turn-on for any wine lover. Steve Heimoff has done a most excellent job of capturing the intrigue of the Russian River region and of making its wines come alive. For anyone who's passionate about California wines, this book is a must read."—Karen MacNeil, author of *The Wine Bible*