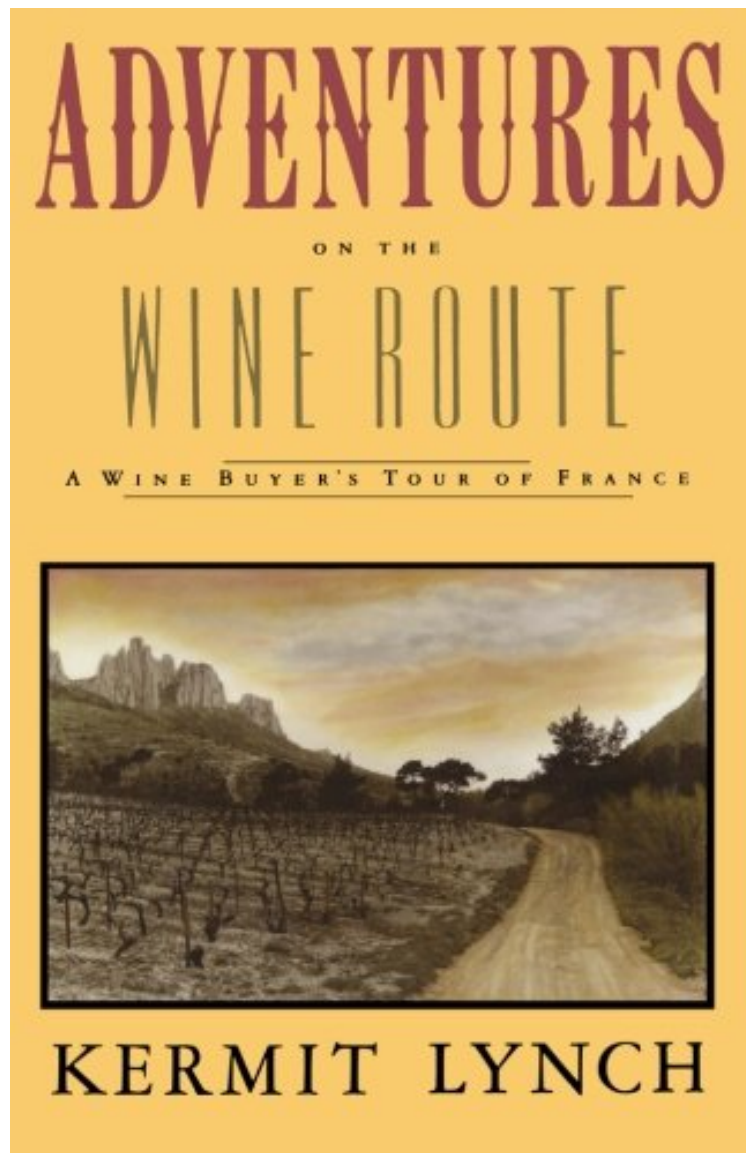


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about the wines of France in great deal. It helped me understand the differences in the wine variety, the manufacture and blending of wines and the process. It was interesting to note how the process from fruit to bottle is changing (not necessarily better for the consumer) to improve profit yield and many old time wineries are selling out to huge corporations who have nothing to do with wine making, only money making. This author is a gem in knowledge about the nuances of every variety, the minute detail of the processing and bottling and then shipping wines from France to California. He takes the reader on a tour of France, covering each wine region. Too bad I found this book 2 years after I visited many of the regions he so thoroughly describes. All the more reason to now go back and see it from a wine lover's perspective. I would highly recommend this book if you enjoy wines, what makes the wines we enjoy enjoyable or not. And he speaks about the history of France along the wine route!

2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. A Love Story on Wine By studebhawk Written by a wine professional, Kermit Lynch wrote an ode to the fine art of wine making for us all to enjoy. In the process, he wrote of a time and place in France that has changed dramatically 25 years later. His French contacts are the small family owned vineyards that produce high quality, small yield old growth wine using the old French traditional methods. In the update written for the 25th anniversary edition, he brings us up to date with some of the characters we loved from the original edition. He regrets the passing of his old friends and, with it, the old school methods and traditions of traditional French winemaking. He regrets the profusion of the mass produced wine that we get today using short cut methods to produce large volumes of wine devoid of that signature French "taster's" In "Adventures on the Wine Route", Kermit Lynch wrote an ode to a way of life in French wine, of a time and place that was special and in so doing he wrote a love story for us all.

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. That was then... By mrthinkndrink Who doesn't love Kermit? Mr. Lynch has done much for the American wine scene. He was a pioneer in finding and bringing world-class French wine to America. Without his presence our wine world would be much less compelling. Kermit Lynch is to be thanked for his passion and his contribution to wine in America. That said, his famed collection of stories and tales does show its age. Unfortunately, time has relegated *Adventures on the Wine Route* to a historical footnote. Realizing that he redefined the relationship between an importer and his catalog, many of the writings found in this seminal volume are a bit old and frayed. It's a wistful look at a wine world that really doesn't exist anymore. Good when it was here, but we've moved beyond. Thanks, Kermit, for everything you've done.

Kermit Lynch's recounting of his experiences on the wine route and in the wine cellars of France takes the reader through the Loire, Bordeaux, the Languedoc, Provence, Northern and Southern Rhone, and the Cote d'Or.

From Publishers Weekly "Wine is, above all, pleasure. Those who would make it ponderous make it dull," declares wine importer Lynch in this robustly irreverent account of his quest through France in search of wine. Lynch's winefoolery is serious; drollery never compromises his knowledge of his subject or his high standards. Even when mocking the misdeeds of viniculturalists, he remains an arbiter who merely wishes "wine could be a constitutionally protected form of expression." Hating wine hype, Lynch criticizes modern agricultural and manufacturing methods with equal fervor. He laughs at trends in wine consumption, and singles out modern greed as a corrupter. Effortlessly eloquent, Lynch is a master of the brief barb: "Loving Chablis is like falling in love with a frigid floozy." The author prefers a wine that offers "a subtle seduction; it keeps you coming back for more." So too with this unusual guide: it makes you thirst for a sequel. Photos not seen by PW. Copyright 1988 Reed Business Information, Inc. "One of the pleasantest and truest books about wine I've ever read." M. F. K. Fisher "Nearly all wine books are written by experts whose intention is primarily to inform or to educate. They give little aesthetic pleasure. Kermit Lynch is certainly an expert, but his book, *Adventures on the Wine Route*, is also a great pleasure to read. In Kermit Lynch's small, true, delightful book there is more understanding about what wine really is than in everything else I have read." Victor Hazan "Kermit Lynch's colorful portraits of some idiosyncratic vintners, and his commentaries on their wines, make for some of the finest reading since Joseph Wechsberg ate and drank his way through France in his book *Blue Trout and Black Truffles*." Robert M. Parker, Jr., *The Wine Advocate*

About the Author Kermit Lynch was born and raised in California. In 1972, he opened a retail wineshop and later began importing and distributing nationally. In 1988, he published *Adventures on the Wine Route*, which won the *Veve Clicquot Wine Book of the Year Award*. His second book, *Inspiring Thirst*, was published in 2004. Lynch divides his time between Berkeley and Provence, where he lives with his wife, the photographer Gail Skoff, and their two children.