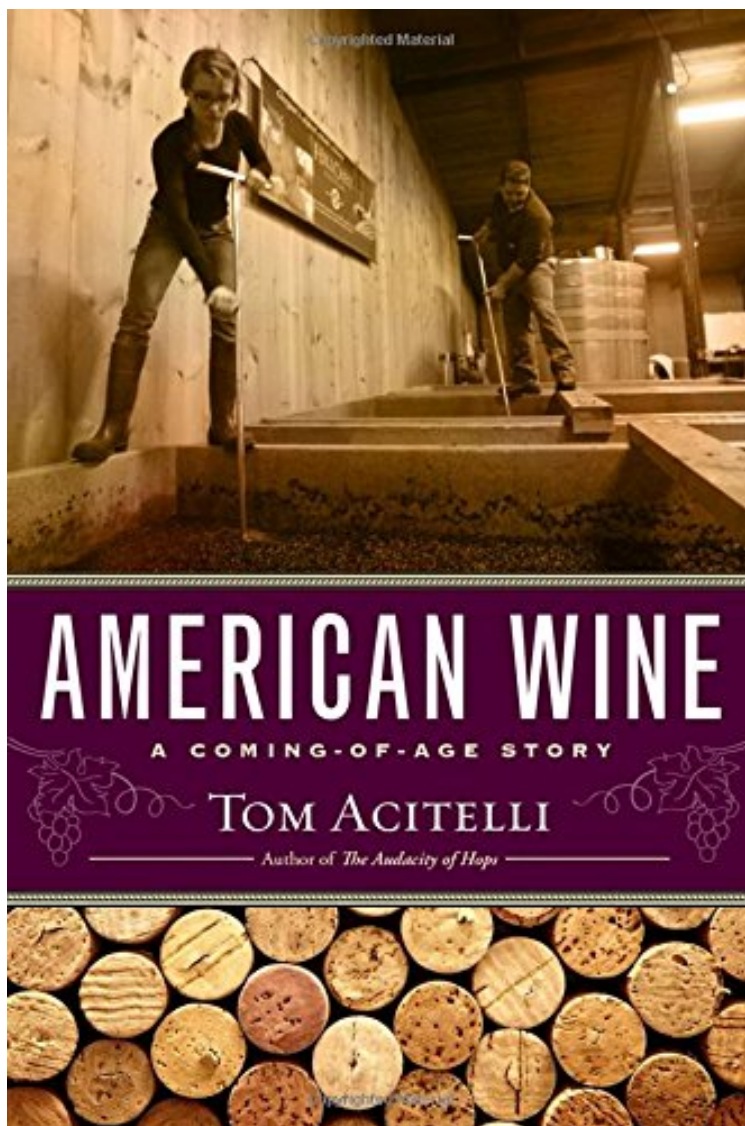


## American Wine: A Coming-of-Age Story

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1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Needs a do-over By Logical thinker Just finished and found it good, but flawed. Author makes too many factual errors showing that his research was somewhat limited. Examples: He refers to Almaden as a Napa winery, it was not. He disparages Carignan as a poor quality grape, when it's actually pretty good when not grown in the San Joaquin Valley and irrigated to enormous yields. Grenache has the same issues. Many other small errors cause this to be less than it should be. This could be the penultimate history on the

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James Beard Award Finalist, 2016

"A vignette-driven book might have become a collection of anecdotes. While it would be hard to resist any narrative that includes a cast as diverse as Julia Child, Robert Mondavi, Cesar Chavez, and social media wine guru Gary Vaynerchuk, Acitelli is adept at connecting the dots. He revisits key events and underscores their implications." -The Boston Globe "[A]n engaging, anecdotal look at some of the characters and events that have led the United States to become the biggest consumer of wine in the world." - Eric Asimov in The New York Times "A tasty combination of commercial and culinary history reflecting the maturation of the wine business and Americans' taste buds." -Kirkus "Tom Acitelli has written a first-of-its-kind, joyously readable, almost novelistic history of the rise of American wine." -Edible Boston "With Acitelli's expert storytelling, we understand how America came to dominate the industry." -The Wine Buzz "American Wine is a glittering panorama of the colorful, visionary people who made appreciation of fine wine an everyday pleasure in America. It is thorough, accurate, and comprehensive but written with dramatic flair." -Larry Stone, owner, Lingua Franca Wines, and wine director, Huneeus Vintners "It wasn't until the 1970s that our wine industry quit making 'domestic' wine and began making 'American' wine. In that decade a generation of talented young winemakers proved themselves to be world class. . . . It was a thrilling time to be a wine lover. Tom Acitelli's new book captures American wine at the crossroads in stop-action wordography perfectly." -Craig "Meathead" Goldwyn, former wine critic, Chicago Tribune, and founder, International Wine "Tom Acitelli tells with both color and accuracy the wonderful story of American wine after World War II and how it became a giant among world wines. His focus on the sometimes crazy people behind it all makes the book a delight to read. . . . American Wine brings them alive in an easy style that is as refreshing as a Napa sparkling wine." -George M. Taber, author of Judgment of Paris and To Cork or Not to Cork "As both a wine and history buff, I enjoyed American Wine immensely. In my lifetime I've witnessed huge advances both in the quality and perception of domestic wines, and Tom's book puts it all in context in an entertaining and informative manner." -Philip Greene, author of To Have and Have Another "Told through a series of dramatic narrative snapshots, Acitelli's book offers a vivid history of American wine's twisty road to enological success. Truly a page-turner for oenophiles as well as for those who just enjoy tales that combine the right mix of complexity, acidity, and fruit-driven fun." -Ian Mount, author of The Vineyard at the End of the World "I happily recommend [American Wine] to novice and expert alike. Great story-teller (Acitelli) meets great story (wine in America) - it's a perfect pairing." -The Wine Economist "Acitelli's latest dryly witty book delivers both the juicy gossip as well as the insightful analysis readers need in order to understand exactly how America went from a wine zero to a wine hero." -Library Journal About the Author Tom Acitelli's American Wine: A Coming-of-Age Story was a finalist for the James Beard Award for best beverage book of 2015. He is also the author of the highly praised The Audacity of Hops: The History of America's Craft Beer Revolution, now in its second edition, and Whiskey Business: How Small-Batch Distillers Are Transforming American Spirits. Acitelli writes regularly on beer, wine, and spirits for various publications, and is the history columnist for All About Beer magazine.