

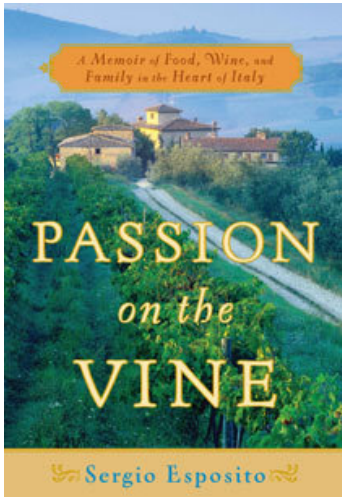
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4 New Wine Books: Science Text, Memoirs, and More

By James Oliver Cury

Years ago, it seemed like there were two types of wine books: pocket guides from experts (Zagat style) and encyclopedias. These days, I'm seeing wine-and-food pairing books every season; memoirs of lives spent drinking, selling, and pondering grapes; and focused analyses of how the soil or climate or history of a region make a difference (different people trying to scientifically explain the whole mystical terroir thing). Below, four new wine books. Hardcover. Out now. Gift ideas, anyone?



Passion on the Vine: A Memoir of Food, Wine, and Family in the Heart of Italy
By Sergio Esposito

Pros: Great humor at times, includes a map of Italy, and readers can skip to chapters dedicated to specific regions like Friuli, Piedmont, Montalcino).

Cons: No photos.