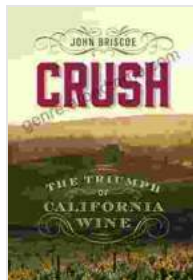


Crush: The Triumph of California Wine

A journey through the history, culture, and people behind one of the world's most renowned wine regions

California wine is a global phenomenon. From the rolling hills of Napa Valley to the rugged coastline of Sonoma County, California's wine country is home to some of the most iconic and sought-after wines in the world. But how did California become a wine powerhouse? And what are the stories behind the people and places that have shaped its reputation?



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In her new book, *Crush: The Triumph of California Wine*, journalist and wine expert Karen MacNeil takes readers on a journey through the history, culture, and people behind California's wine industry. From the early days of Spanish missionaries to the present day, MacNeil tells the story of how California winemakers have overcome challenges, embraced innovation, and created some of the most iconic wines in the world.

Along the way, MacNeil introduces us to a cast of colorful characters, including:

- **Agoston Haraszthy**, the Hungarian count who is known as the "Father of California Wine"
- **Ernest Gallo**, the legendary winemaker who helped to make California wine affordable and accessible
- **Robert Mondavi**, the visionary winemaker who put Napa Valley on the world map
- **Helen Turley**, the pioneering vintner who helped to establish the cult of Zinfandel

Through their stories, MacNeil weaves a tapestry of California wine history. She explores the challenges that winemakers have faced, including climate change, pests, and disease. She also celebrates the innovations that have helped to make California wine the success it is today, such as the development of new grape varieties and winemaking techniques.

Crush: The Triumph of California Wine is a must-read for anyone who loves California wine. It is a fascinating and comprehensive look at one of the world's most renowned wine regions. MacNeil's writing is engaging and informative, and she brings to life the people and places that have shaped California's wine industry.

Praise for *Crush: The Triumph of California Wine*

"Karen MacNeil has written the definitive book on California wine. *Crush* is a must-read for anyone who wants to understand the history, culture, and

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"*Crush* is a captivating and comprehensive look at the rise of California wine. MacNeil's writing is both elegant and informative, and she has a keen eye for detail. This book is a must-read for anyone interested in wine, history, or California culture." —**Jancis Robinson, Master of Wine**

"Karen MacNeil has done it again. *Crush* is a beautifully written and meticulously researched book that tells the story of California wine in a way that is both fascinating and informative. This book is a must-have for any wine lover." —**Eric Asimov, The New York Times**

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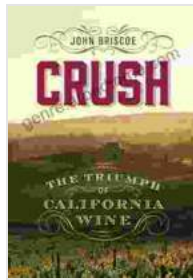
Karen MacNeil is one of the world's leading wine experts. She is the author of the best-selling book *The Wine Bible*, which has been translated into 15 languages. MacNeil is also a contributing editor to *The Wine Advocate* and *Wine Enthusiast*, and she has been featured in numerous publications, including *The New York Times*, *The Wall Street Journal*, and *The Los Angeles Times*.

MacNeil lives in California wine country, where she enjoys spending time with her family and exploring the region's many wineries.

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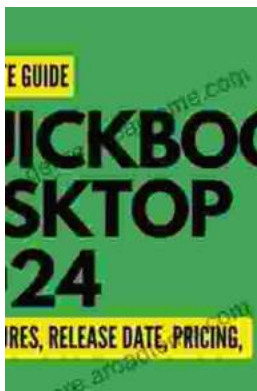
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