Welcome to The Classic Wine Library …

Infinite Ideas’ Classic Wine Library launches with nine new titles, a mixture of up-to-date new editions of classics like Julian Jeffs’ *Sherry* and completely new titles such as Monty Waldin’s path-breaking *Biodynamic wine*. Next year sees the release of more new titles including Sarah Jane Evans’ *Wines of northern Spain*, Michael Garner’s *Amarone and the fine wines of Verona* and Wink Lorch’s *The wines of Jura, Savoie and Bugey*, with the library growing to 40 titles over the next few years, ensuring the Classic Wine Library is set to serve professionals in the wine trade and enthusiastic consumers alike for many years to come.

With some of the world’s best writers on wine and an editorial board comprising Richard Mayson, Louis Roederer International Wine Feature Writer of the Year 2014, Sarah Jane Evans MW, Chairman of the Institute of Masters of Wine and award-winning wine writer, and Josh Greene, publisher and editor-in-chief of *Wine & Spirits* magazine, the Classic Wine Library is sure to be a trusted resource for all wine lovers.

**Port and the Douro**

Richard Mayson

The richly informative, completely updated third edition tells port’s story from the beginnings of the wine trade in Portugal to the present day, offering readers the inside story of these magnificent wines, including a great deal of new material on the cultivation of the Douro’s vineyards. An entire chapter is dedicated to vintage port. All the producers and shippers are included in a comprehensive directory which reflects the structural changes the trade has undergone in recent years. There is a chapter dedicated to Douro wines and a travel guide for those wishing to visit the region. Mayson closes by addressing some of the challenges and changes that might affect port and Douro wines in future. Students and enthusiasts will find this an indispensable reference guide to the world’s greatest fortified wine.

Cognac
The story of the world’s greatest brandy
Nicholas Faith

Nicholas Faith, the world’s leading authority on cognac, explores the reasons for the spirit’s complex character, and reveals its fascinating history. The first edition (1986), won the Veuve Clicquot award in the US and the Deinhard/Wine Magazine award in Britain. The second edition (2005) was awarded the André Simon prize, Britain’s premier wines and spirits writing prize. This new edition includes a fully updated directory of the top producers and their brandies – including the author’s tasting notes on products up to 2015 – and two new sections on tasting and mixing: a selection of cognac cocktails and how to make them, and revelations about the associations made between brandy and food.


Sherry
Julian Jeffs

This benchmark book recounts the exciting and turbulent evolution of the sherry region and explores how its history and culture are intertwined with the sherry trade. Julian Jeffs chronicles the changing face of sherry – its viticultural methods, the complex production techniques, the growth of the wine’s trade and the region itself – taking us from the area’s early Phoenician settlers right up to the present day. The detailed sections on cultivation and production include information on both traditional and modern methods of viticulture. Manzanilla, the ‘wine of joy’, receives an entire chapter to itself before Jeffs brings the information on blending and tasting sherry up to date. He also provides extensive details of all the shippers, from the traditional family firms to the new boutique bodegas, along with thorough appendices.

Madeira
The islands and their wines
Richard Mayson

Madeira is currently experiencing a renaissance as more people become entranced by its unique character. Here, madeira aficionado Richard Mayson explains what it is that makes the wine so special. The book begins with a short history of the islands, from their discovery in the fifteenth century to the present-day revival of the wine trade, and goes on to discuss viticultural methods. A guide to the producers and shippers follows, along with a detailed appraisal of their range of wines. Wines dating back to the eighteenth century are assessed in a chapter on great and historical madeiras. The book concludes with information on buying, keeping, serving and tasting madeira and a travel guide for those visiting the islands.


The wines of Austria
Stephen Brook

Austrian wine has experienced a truly sensational quality boom in the last twenty years and is widely regarded as a phenomenon in the wine world. It is found on every good wine list and is greatly appreciated by a growing band of ardent consumers. In this thorough and engaging book, the product of visits spanning almost forty years, award-winning wine writer Stephen Brook takes a tour around Austria’s wine regions and samples wines from nearly 300 producers in a quest to discover just what it is that makes this country’s wines so special. From armchair wine-buffs to those studying Austrian wine, The wines of Austria is an invaluable resource for anybody interested in this wine-producing gem.

Biodynamic wine
Monty Waldin

Many wine drinkers these days care as much about the way a wine is produced as they do about the region, style or grape used. Some of the world’s most respected wine producers, from Chablis to California, increasingly see biodynamics – an alternative to conventional chemical farming – as the method of choice for blue-chip wine-making. Biodynamic wine explains concisely and clearly the theory behind biodynamics, how it differs from organics, and how the world’s wine-makers practise biodynamics, often with significant and captivating variations according to wine style, local terroir, weather and celestial cycles. With full descriptions of all the biodynamic preparations and composts along with details of correct biodynamic practice and certification this is the essential guide for professional and amateur biodynamicists alike.


The wines of Faugères
Rosemary George

Currently little known outside of France, the wines of Faugères are rapidly becoming the stars of the Languedoc. Although it produces white and rosé wines the appellation is most famous for its rich, elegant reds. Created in 1982, the appellation is now producing consistently excellent wines, the secret lying in the hills surrounding the village of Faugères where the schist (decayed slate) makes for wines with a distinctive freshness and minerality. The wines of Faugères is a comprehensive guide to the wines of this remarkably compact and homogeneous area, which covers just seven villages but produces an intriguing variety of different wines. The wines of Faugères features the most up-to-date information on this beautiful region and its characterful wines, providing an indispensable guide to a small but fascinating appellation.

The story of champagne
Nicholas Faith

It is extraordinary enough that one small area in north-eastern France, on the northern edge of Europe’s wine-growing regions, should be capable of producing the finest sparkling wine in the world. Yet champagne fascinates not only wine lovers, but also historians – social, economic, political – linguists, physiologists, physicists and chemists. The story of champagne tells the tale of champagne from the winemakers’ point of view. Faith explores the history of champagne from its origins in the seventeenth century to the high-tech industry of the twenty-first before examining the wine itself, how it is made, the crus, the vines and the harvest. With completely up-to-date statistics on wine production and consumption the book also contains an all-important evaluation of today’s most important producers.


Spirits Distilled
With cocktails mixed by Michael Butt
Mark Ridgwell

Spirits Distilled reveals the history and production methods behind vodka, gin, tequila, genever, rum, brandies, liqueurs, eaux-de-vie, flavoured white spirits and the entire range of whiskies. Lovers of spirits will find this book to be an invaluable resource for understanding and appreciating the world of spirits. Professionals will find the quizzes in Spirits Distilled a particularly useful tool for understanding better the spirits they sell. This edition contains a new chapter on cocktails by drinks consultant Michael Butt, with classic cocktails for each of the major spirits. An essential book that belongs on the reference shelf of everyone who works with or enjoys spirits.

Coming attractions ...

The wines of Roussillon, Richard James (July 2017)
The first ever book on this region takes in its history and current status before considering the climate and terrain, grape varieties, appellations and wine styles and recent trends in growing and making. The book contains profiles of the main 130-150 producers in the region.

The wines of Canada, Roderick Phillips (August 2017)
In the last five to ten years, Canadian wines have started drawing the interest of sommeliers. Here, Canadian wine expert Rod Phillips explains the new popularity of Canadian wine.

The wines of Côte D’Or, Raymond Blake (September 2017)
Raymond Blake’s companionable book paints a complete picture of this small but influential region: the history, the culture, the people, the place, the geography and the climate.

The wines of northern Spain, Sarah Jane Evans MW (October 2017)
There’s no doubt about it. Spain is the most exciting country in Europe when it comes to wine. Spanish wine expert Sarah Jane Evans shows why Rioja, Ribera del Duero and northern Spain are about more than just mountains and food.

A social history of wine, Roderick Phillips (November 2017)
Examines how wine has shaped facets of social life as diverse as medicine, religion, and military activity, how vineyards have transformed landscapes, and how successive innovations in wine packaging have affected and been affected by commerce and consumption.

Amarone and the fine wines of Verona, Michael Garner (November 2017)
A sure-footed guide to all aspects of Veronese wine production, examining the history of the wines and geography of the region as well as viticulture, climate, grape varieties, wine styles and appassimento. It contains profiles of the region’s important producers, including assessments of their wines.
**The wines of Languedoc**, Rosemary George (March 2018)
For wine lovers, especially those who like individual wines that express the place where they were grown, the Languedoc is a perfect hunting ground. But hundreds of fine wines are available so Languedoc can be a confusing region for consumers. Rosemary George has unpacked the region carefully for wine professionals and just such consumers.

**The wines of Jura, Savoie and Bugey**, Wink Lorch (May 2018)
The reputations of the wines of the three eastern French regions of Jura, Savoie and Bugey have changed dramatically in the last decade or so as wine lovers began to seek out lighter wines, wines from unusual grapes and less conventional wine styles. Wink Lorch’s *The wines of Jura, Savoie and Bugey* is a comprehensive guide to all three regions.

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