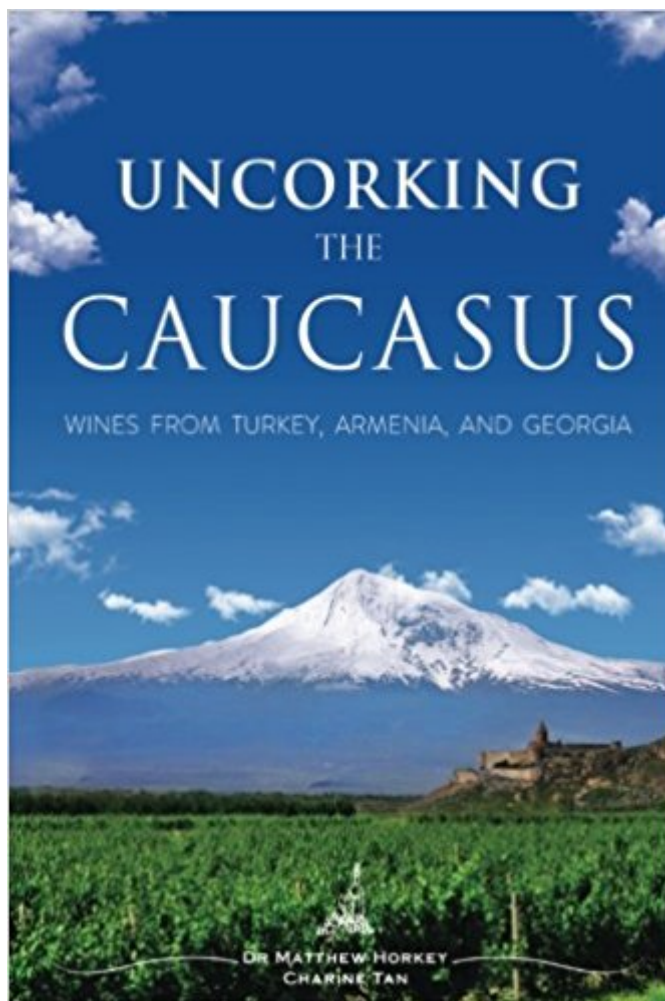


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Uncorking The Caucasus: Wines From Turkey, Armenia, And Georgia



Synopsis

Uncorking the Caucasus is about the wines from Turkey, Armenia, and Georgia. Part travel narrative and part wine guide, this book will take the readers on a tasting tour through the wine regions in the three countries, recommend the best wine each place has to offer, provide anecdotal insights into the wine culture of each country, and discuss the history of ancient winemaking based on archeological evidence and folklores. Based on the authors' three-month wine travel trip through the Caucasus, this book takes a ground-level approach, which enables the readers to experience an intimate journey through the cradle of wine. Turkey, Armenia, and Georgia all claim to be the birthplace of wine. Some of those claims are supported by archaeological findings and some by anecdotal evidence. However, this book isn't about determining the birthplace of wine, but rather the goal is to capture the ethos of a wine region that is the connection between wine, people, and place. For the wines highlighted in this book, besides their sensory merits, they should also inspire conversations, spark curiosity, and reflect an inspiring point of view that challenges the narrative of wine. **BONUS:** Both paperback and kindle formats contain a QR code that will take you to a members site, which includes discount codes for online wine purchases and complimentary wine-tasting events

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The Caucasus is at an exciting stage of development, with fascinating wines being made across the region. All of these wines have their own distinct characteristics and stories. Having been sharing the wines of Georgia with wine lovers across Asia, I feel a particular affinity to these wines and am thrilled that they have been put in the spotlight in a wonderful book such as this. Well done Charine

and Matthew, for capturing the buzz of wines from the Caucasus so well. --Debra Meiburg, Master of Wine

Matthew Horkey and Charine Tan take us along for the ride as they travel the wine roads of Turkey, Armenia and Georgia in their intriguing new book *Uncorking the Caucasus*. It is exciting to see these ancient wine regions through their eyes and to experience the ways that the very old and the very new come together through wine. A perfect read for wine lovers looking for new wines, new regions, and new perspectives. Pack your bags and join Matthew and Charine as they uncork the Caucasus. Highly recommended. --Mike Veseth, Wine Economist and Author

Uncorking the Caucasus is an enjoyable read. It is written with the brain and heart, with knowledge and passion. --Bruno Vanspauwen, Food & Wine Writer at De Standaard (Belgium)

“Everyone who loves wine deserves to know its history. This book offers amazing details of the cradle of modern wine and will inspire you to drink (and travel) outside the box.” - Madeline Puckette, Co-Founder and Content Director at Wine Folly

“Fabulously approachable, concise, and most importantly, interesting and informative!” - Bree Boskov, Master of Wine and Wine Industry Consultant

“*Uncorking the Caucasus* by Dr Matthew Horke and Charine Tan fills a niche too long left empty. The vineyards of Turkey and Armenia been all but ignored by tourists and the press alike, with only the third member of the Caucasus, Georgia having recently attained the smallest blip on the public’s radar. Geography, social constraints and history have conspired to sequester the secrets of this, the birthplace of wine. In *Uncorking the Caucasus*, the authors share a first-hand narrative of their trek through the obstacles of discovering these surprisingly vibrant wine regions. As they point out, they have suffered the trials and tribulations so that you don’t have to. They make a good case for not only visiting this part of the world, with your corkscrew in one hand, but their indispensable book in the other.” - Stephen Reiss Ph.D., Certified Wine Educator and Author

In May 2015--after four years of deliberating and planning together--Charine Tan and Dr Matthew Horkey sold almost all of their possessions, dropped the comfort and security of their lucrative careers, and left Singapore to travel around the world with a dream of building a location-independent business and to absorb the world’s lessons. Driven by a common passion for wine, they ended up diverting all their attention and resources to the self-study of wine as they travelled through Western Europe, the Caucasus, ex-Yugoslavia, and Mexico in the past year. While traveling through the wine regions, they experienced many obstacles, which compelled them to turn their love for wine into a creative force for good. *Uncorking the Caucasus* is the first of a series of wine travel books that they will be writing. Besides the books, they also share wine travel tips,

wine-related stories, and exciting finds from lesser-known wine regions on their website Exotic Wine Travel.

Was very excited to order this book since it covers regions that aren't getting a lot of love in the US yet. I'm planning a tasting trip to Georgia and reading everything I can. And honestly, this book is pretty bad. I just don't think these people know what they're talking about. My favorite was a reference to wine and the Bible in the beginning where the math they did re: history was completely nonsensical. And then it's mostly a list of wines they drank. Kudos to anyone who can get others to pay for their dream to travel the globe and drink, but I'd advise saving the money you'd spend on this book toward your own trip. The useful lists of unfamiliar varietals is easily found online for free. Maybe the next books will be better as they get more savvy and experienced, but this one screams amateur in both the writing and wine info.

Having met the authors here in Georgia at a wine tasting event, I was immediately charmed by their enthusiasm and appreciation for travel and a desire to share their passion of wine and food pairing with others. I purchased the digital version of *Uncorking The Caucasus* and still reading it almost as story as much as informative digest of the wines of the region. I have always enjoyed wine as a novice and although I am now living in Georgia, I had started to take it for granted of what a unique style of wine making Georgia has. I was reminded by some observations of the authors that some of the lesser known local wine producers are today still providing us with the opportunity to taste wine as it was long ago produced in simpler times. Like a message in a bottle, wine can reveal the mystery and history of the land and its people if you know how to read it. Cheers!

Love the fact that the book was opened with a quote from "Sideways", one of my favorite movies! As a person who loves wine, but does not actually know much about it, this book was very helpful in selecting good wines from this region. I met Matthew and Charine in a tiny mountain village in Armenia. Once learning about their book, I couldn't get it fast enough to try some of their recommendations. I could see their passion for wine in just the short time we spoke. I look forward to using this resource on future trips to Georgia and Armenia.

Planning to use it on my next vacation

I love learning about wine. As a red wine enthusiast and as someone who has not traveled to these

regions, this book was fascinating to me. I plan on writing a blog post about it soon, but wanted to post this review first and give the authors another well deserved 5 stars. Their passion for wine, travel, people, history, and the art of wine making is prevalent in their book. Their perspective on the wine is honest, as are their recommendations. If you plan on traveling to Turkey, Armenia, or Georgia, this book can also double as a travel advice source, as they have listed "how to get there" and "where to stay" advice. Their first hand account and obvious respect of current cultural differences (as well as the differences in the local wine) is a gem of knowledge you really won't find in any other resource (that I know of!). This book is smart, well-written, and packed with useful and interesting tidbits of the world's oldest wine regions. Cheers!

Interesting, honest, and insightful accounts of two wine lovers who traveled to little known parts of the wine world. The wine recommendations and tasting notes were particularly useful. The breakdown of wine regions in each country is a good reference.

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