

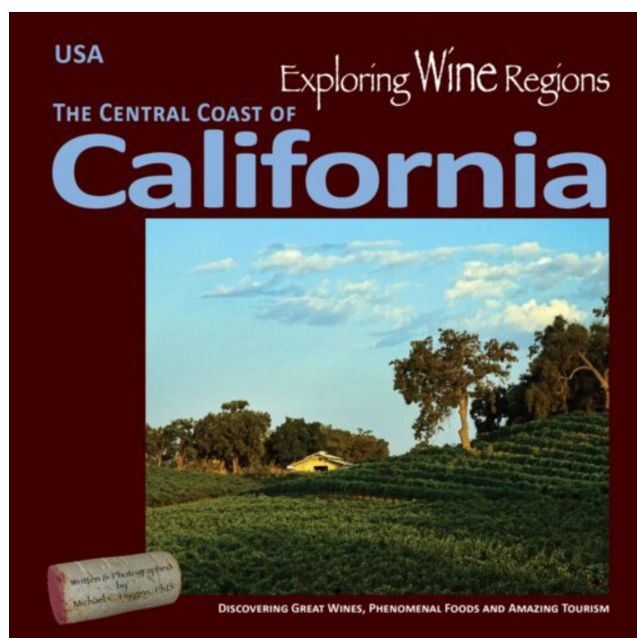
# Holiday Gifting Guide 2023: The Best Wine Books

Drinking is a full body experience, gift these wine books to the vinous reader in your life.

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My New Year's resolution for 2024 is going to be to read more, and I thought one of the best ways to do that would be to read more wine books! Through my research I found some absolute gems, and I think the reader in your life who also enjoys the finer things will appreciate each and every one of these books. For novices, for hobbyists, for collectors, and for professionals, there's a book for everyone! Here are my picks for the best Wine Books to give as gifts in 2023:

Exploring Wine Regions: The Central Coast of California by Michael C. Higgins



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[Purchase Exploring Wine Regions: The Central Coast of California here](#)

Exploring Wine Regions – California Central Coast is 436 full-color pages with over 800 spectacular photographic images! This third edition explores California's Central Coast wine regions of Monterey (Santa Lucia Highlands, Carmel Valley, Carmel-By-The-Sea, etc.), San Luis Obispo (Edna Valley, the new SLO Coast appellation, etc.), including Paso Robles' 11 appellations, and Santa Barbara (Santa Ynez, Sta. Rita Hills, Los Olivos, Santa Maria Valley appellations, etc.).

The book is of beautiful coffee-table quality that is also a detailed travel guide. It is packed with spectacular photography, entertaining stories and a very educational journey into exploring California's Central Coast.

Twenty-nine weeks in California's Central Coast, over a three-year period, during all seasons of the year, including fall harvest times, working with people who are at the forefront of wine and wine hospitality; researching, writing, designing, and producing this spectacular book. It is a one-of-a-kind insider's guide to California's Central Coast wine regions like never seen before. If you have any interest in California wines, every type of wine is made here. The terroir is incredibly diverse, allowing for the optimum growing of just about any wine grape. Central Coast winemakers tend to be less rigid, more creative, and inventive. The tourism is better than you can imagine. Restaurants and lodging at wineries are becoming common here.

This book details all the information you need to travel to the California Central Coast wine regions: names, addresses, phone numbers, websites, email addresses, and more... of the wineries, hotels, restaurants, and culinary opportunities. Also, numerous outdoor activities. Thirty maps were created showing the regions. Winemakers, agronomists, oenologists, sommeliers, chefs, and more, are included throughout the book. With each winery is the entire lineup of their wines.

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