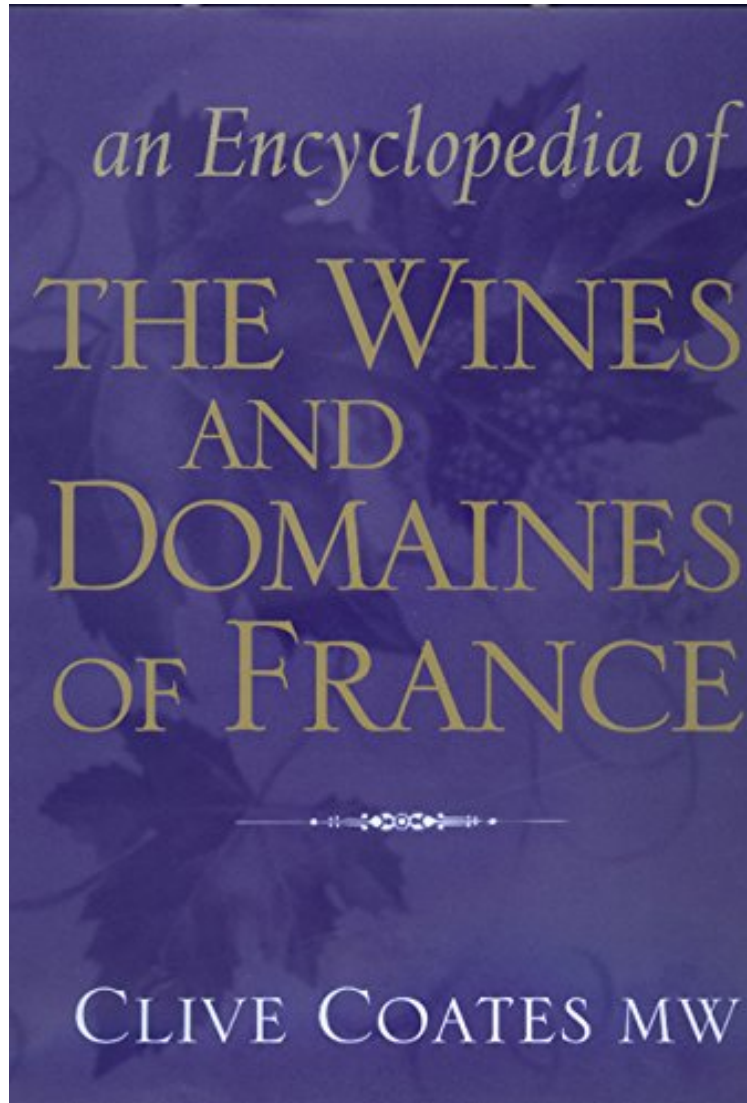


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"Coates gives all the information relevant to the wines, and adds a generous dash of opinion and story telling, too, making this as good a read as it is a reference." -- *Wine Spirits* magazine About the Author Clive Coates, M.W., was awarded the Chevalier de l'Ordre du Mrite by the French government, the Ruffino/Cyril Ray Memorial Prize for his work on Italian wine, and the title of Wine Writer of the Year for 1998/1999 in the Champagne Lanson awards. He has published *The Vine*, his independent fine wine magazine, since 1985. His books include *Claret* (1982), *Wines of France* (1990), *Grands Vins: The Finest Chateaux of Bordeaux and their Wines* (California, 1995), and *Cte D'Or: A Celebration of the Great Wines of Burgundy* (California, 1997), which won the Champagne Veuve Clicquot Prize, the Andr Simon Award, and the James Beard Award.