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**Wine Guide**

**USER'S MANUAL**

# Introduction

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## About this Wine Guide

This wine guide is both an educational and a wine buying manual; it is not an encyclopedic listing of wine producers and growers. It is intended to make you a more formidable, more confident wine buyer by providing you sufficient insider's information to permit the wisest possible choice when a wine-buying decision must be made.

The finest producers and growers of the world's greatest viticultural regions are evaluated, as well as most of the current and upcoming releases in the marketplace. If you cannot find a specific vintage of a highly regarded wine, you still have at your fingertips a wealth of information and evaluations concerning the best producers for each viticultural area.

At the heart of this book is an impartial and comprehensive consumer's guide to the world's finest, most consistent producers, and you should be confident in the knowledge that you will rarely make a mistake (unless, of course, the vintage is absolutely dreadful) if you go with a producer judged "outstanding" or "excellent." (From *Parker's Wine Buyer's Guide*, 3rd ed.)

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### **About the Illustrations**

Some screen shots in this User's Manual may vary slightly from what you see on screen. These variations do not mean that your electronic reference is malfunctioning.

# Key Guide

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## Function Keys

- HELP Shows a help message.
- MENU Shows the previous menu.
- WINES Shows the Wines menu.
- GLOSS Shows the Glossary menu.
- RGNS Shows the Regions menu.
- MAPS Shows the Maps menu.
- CLEAR Clears your search.
- ON/OFF Turns the product on or off.
- ENTER Makes an entry.

## Resuming Where You Left Off

You can turn this product off at any time. When you turn the product on again, you return to the last screen you viewed.

# Key Guide

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## Direction Keys



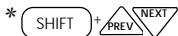
BACK Backs up a step or erases a letter.



Move in the indicated direction.



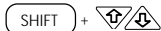
Shows the text of the next or previous menu item. At menus, lightens or darkens the screen contrast.



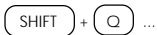
Page up or down.



Pages down.



Zoom up or down.



Shifts top row of keys to type numbers.

## Other Keys



Shows a complete menu item in text or types a period.



Accents a typed letter.



Types an apostrophe.

*\* Hold SHIFT while pressing the other key.*

# Getting Started

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## Installing the Batteries

This product requires two CR2032, 3-volt batteries. If the batteries are not already installed, here is how to install them.

1. Turn the product over.
2. Place your thumbs on the arrow.
3. Slide the battery cover off.
4. Install the batteries with their plus signs facing you.
5. Replace the battery cover.

## Viewing a Demonstration

The first time you use this product, a brief demonstration appears automatically. You may also want to adjust the screen contrast. NOTE: You can adjust the contrast only when menus are in view.

1. Press **ON/OFF**.
2. Press **CLEAR** to stop the demo.  
The entry screen appears.
3. Press **MENU** and then press **NEXT** or **PREV** to adjust the screen contrast.

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### Disabling the Demonstration

You probably do not want to view the demonstration every time you turn this product on. Here is how to disable it.

1. If not at the menus, press **MENU**.
2. Press the arrow keys to highlight the **Other** menu.
3. Highlight *Disable Demo*.



4. Press **ENTER**.

### Setting the Shutoff Time

The shutoff time is how long the product will stay on if you forget to turn it off.



1. Highlight *Set Shutoff* on the **Other** menu.
2. Press **ENTER** to select it.
3. Highlight a time.
4. Press **ENTER**.

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### Using the Menus

Most functions in this wine guide are activated by using menus. Here is how to navigate the menus.

- 1. If not at the menus, press MENU.**
- 2. Press the arrow keys to highlight the menu at the far left.**
- 3. Hold SHIFT and press  or  to zoom to the bottom or top of the menu.**
- 4. Hold SHIFT and press NEXT or PREV to page down or up.**
- 5. Start typing a word.**

As you type, menu items are highlighted. NOTE: You do not need to type capital letters or spaces. To erase a letter, press BACK.
- 6. Press ENTER to view a highlighted item.**
- 7. Press CLEAR when done.**

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### Tips for Beginners

- ✓ The flashing arrows at the right of the screen show which arrow keys you can press to view more.
- ✓ At virtually any screen, you can view a help message by pressing HELP. To read the message, use the direction keys. To exit help, press BACK.

You can also read an overview of the main functions and keys by selecting *Tutorial* from the Other menu.

- ✓ Some wine names and other menu items are followed by ellipses because they are too long to fit on one line.

At any highlighted menu item, press  to view the complete item.



AMERICA'S LEADING SPECIALTY IMPORTERS

The image shows a screenshot of a menu item. The text 'AMERICA'S LEADING SPECIALTY IMPORTERS' is displayed in a monospaced font. To the right of the text, there are three dots (an ellipsis) indicating that the text is truncated. The entire menu item is enclosed in a rectangular box with a thin border.

# Locating Wines

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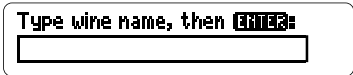
## Searching by Name

Finding a wine is easy. Simply type its producer, winery, or name. Usually you need to type only a few letters to highlight what you want.

**1. Press WINES.**

Or select *Wines* from the Topics menu.

**2. Press CLEAR.**



**3. Type the name of a winery (e.g., *fetzer*).**

To erase a letter, press BACK.

**4. Press ENTER twice.**



**5. Select a wine type.**

**6. Select a year.**

**7. Press ↓ or SPACE to read.**

**8. Press CLEAR when done.**

## Locating Wines

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### Searching by Criteria

You can locate wines by their variety, country, vintage, price range, and other criteria. You can even locate wines that fit more than one criteria. In this example, we will find highly rated wines priced under \$10.

1. Press **WINES**.
2. Select *Price Range* from *Locate*.



3. Press **ENTER** to select (*Under \$10*).  
A check marks your selection.
4. Press **BACK** to go back to the *Locate* menu.



The bullet shows that *Price Range* is selected.

5. Select *Rating Range* from *Locate*.

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**6. Select 90+ as the rating range.**

The asterisks show that no wines priced under \$10 are rated 95+ or 100.

**7. Press ↶ to view the matching items.**



You can select more criteria now by first pressing ↷.

**8. Select a producer and then a wine.**

**9. Press BACK repeatedly to back up.**

### Understanding Wine Ratings

The wine ratings in this guide are those of Robert M. Parker, Jr., the author of *Parker's Wine Buyer's Guide*.

He writes that a rating of 90-100 is the equivalent of an A in school, "given for outstanding or special effort." Ratings of 80-89 equal a B: "Many of the wines that fall into this range are great values." 70-79 represents a C, or average mark. Below 70 is a D or F, "the sign of an unbalanced, flawed, or terribly dull or diluted wine."

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### Highlighting Words to Search

When reading wine descriptions or other topics, you can highlight varieties, terms, and certain other words and then search for other occurrences of them in this guide.

1. Press **WINES**.
2. Press **ENTER** twice to view the description of the first listed wine.
3. Press **SPACE** to page down.
4. Press **ENTER** to start the highlight.

Rating: **\$0**  
**1980s** started off strongly  
in the early 1980s, but

5. Press **↓** repeatedly to highlight *Pinot*.

lacked flavor authority  
over recent vintages. The  
**1970s** Noir is clean and

6. Press **ENTER** to search for the word.  
A list of producers of Pinot wines appears.
7. Select a producer or press **BACK** repeatedly to go back.

# Using Other Topics

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## Viewing Viticultural Information

You can read about quality considerations, buying strategies, and other subjects regarding various wine-producing areas around the world.

1. Press **RGNS** or select *Viticultural Information* from *Topics*.



2. Select an area (e.g., *Alsace*).
3. Select a subject (e.g., *Introduction*).



4. Press **↓** or **SPACE** to move down.
5. Press **BACK** repeatedly to back up.

## Using Other Topics

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### Viewing Maps

This wine guide includes detailed maps of important wine-producing areas and growing regions.

1. Press **MAPS**.
2. Select a country (e.g., *France*).
3. Select an area (e.g., *Alsace, Northern*).



4. Press **SPACE** to page down.



5. Press **BACK** repeatedly to back up.

### Another Way to View Maps

You can also find maps by selecting *Viticultural Information* from the Topics menu, selecting an area, and then selecting a map.

## Using Other Topics

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### Rating General Vintages

You can find general vintage ratings for selected growing regions. NOTE: According to Robert Parker, Jr., these ratings should be regarded as very general with many exceptions.

1. Select *General Vintage Guide* from *Topics*.
2. Select an area (e.g., *Bordeaux*).



3. Select a growing region (e.g., *Graves*).
4. Select a vintage (e.g., *1970*).



5. Press **BACK** repeatedly to back up.

## Using Other Topics

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### Finding Drinkable Years

You can find the best years in which to drink Bordeaux, California Cabernet Sauvignon, Red Burgundy, and Rhone Valley wines by various producers and of various vintages.

1. Select *Drinkable Years* from *Topics*.
2. Select a variety (e.g., *Bordeaux*).
3. Select a producer (e.g., *Ausone*).
4. Select a vintage (e.g., *1975*).

Region: **Bordeaux**  
Producer: **Ausone** Vintage:  
**1975**

5. Press **BACK** repeatedly to back up.

### Finding a Single Drinkable Year

To find wines that are drinkable in a specific year, first select *Drinkable Years* from *Topics*. Next, select *Drinkable* from *Locate*. Then select a year, press ↩, and follow Steps 2-5 above.

## Using Other Topics

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### Viewing Other Topics

You can become a true oenophile (i.e., wine connoisseur) by reading the other topics in this guide. Select them from the Topics menu and then select their menu items. Here are brief descriptions.

**Glossary** explains wine tasting terms from *acetic* to *woody*.

#### **acetic**

Wines, no matter how well made, contain quantities of

**How To...** tells you how to buy, serve, and store wine, as well as providing other useful information.

#### **Food And Wine Matchups**

The art of serving the right

**Cellaring a decade or more** recommends wines by area and variety worth storing for ten years or more.

#### **France : Alsace**

##### **White Wines**

Note: Virtually any Alsace ↓

## Using Other Topics

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### Advanced Tips

#### ✓ **Deselecting a Subtopic**

You know a menu item is selected when a check mark appears next to it. To deselect an item, press ENTER when the checked item is highlighted.

#### ✓ **Typing Numbers**

To type numbers, hold SHIFT and press a key on the top row of letters (Q-P).

#### ✓ **Selecting a Topic**

You can select some topics, such as the Glossary, either by pressing its function key (GLOSS) or by selecting it from the Topics menu (*Glossary*).

#### ✓ **Viewing the Next or Previous Item**

When a wine description or other topic is in view, press NEXT to view the next description or item or PREV to view the previous one.

# Appendixes

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## Specifications (WNG-400)

- More than 6,000 wines listed
- 3-line, 24 x 127 continuous pixel LCD
- 2 lithium, CR2032, 3-volt batteries
- 12 (l) x 1.4 (w) x 8.3 (h) cm. • 3.5 oz. with batteries
- automatic shutoff

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