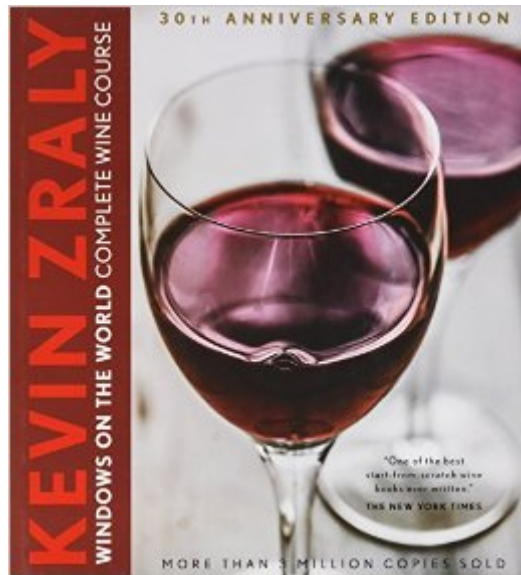


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# Kevin Zraly Windows On The World Complete Wine Course: 30th Anniversary Edition



## Synopsis

"Kevin Zraly is the finest wine educator I have known." • "Robert Parker No one matches Kevin Zraly for teaching the novice or giving experts the most current information about wine. Now, to celebrate the 30th anniversary of Zraly's definitive work, the world's bestselling guide to wine receives a complete update. As always, Zraly deftly takes the mystery out of wine, recommending hundreds of new wines (all under \$30!) and providing the latest information on vintage wines. But this thoroughly redesigned edition also presents a beautiful tribute to the renowned restaurant, Windows on the World, where Zraly's course began in 1976 and continued until September 11, 2001. Thanks to user-friendly smartphone tags throughout, there are videos to enlighten key points and audio guides to help you correctly pronounce 1,300 wine names and terms.

## Book Information

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Still reading the book but one thing I am finding VERY frustrating is none of the QR codes (or the Bitly addresses below them) are functional. They all go to error pages. I'm hoping the publisher sees this review and gets them fixed so readers can watch the videos. I will check them again and update my review when I'm done reading the book.

I just completed my L1 Sommelier certification and this book is really helpful at laying down the basics for anyone who wants to learn more about wine. I love Kevin's story (see Chapter 1) and the margins are packed with great facts, its simply brimming with information but doesn't feel

overbearing at any point. I will need more in-depth books to get to the next level but, this is an excellent starting point to lay a broad foundation of knowledge before diving into very specialized topics. I have plotted out a series of personal tastings over the next 8 weeks using Kevin's book as a framework. Very helpful, indeed!

I am a server in a fine dining restaurant, and have been studying this book to gain extra wine knowledge. Zraly not only simplifies the extensive information there is on varietals, but gives fun facts as well. For any waiter wanting to expand or start their current wine education, this book is a must.

I took a wine course and paid a lot of money for it. I wish I had found this book first so I could have skipped the course. Do not skip the first few pages that tell about Mr. Zraly's development as an expert in the field of wine at *Windows on the World*. It is informative and touching. The book is divided by regions. I studied France and Germany before travelling to those two countries recently. The only problem I had is too much information, I suggest you take screen shots or notes; the book is too bulky to travel with. The organization is accommodating to finding specific information. Great gift for the wine lovers on your gift list.

Ordered the hardcover edition. None of the promised QR codes are printed in the book. None of the video or pronunciation links work. These features would have made the book far more useful as an intro to wine. I suppose as a bare-bones introduction to wine I suppose it's okay, but there are better for that purpose, such as MacNeil's *Wine Bible* or Hugh Johnson's *World Atlas of Wine*. I find the graphics eye-salad, long lists, sidebars and stats hodge-podge to be distracting and annoying.

Good book, American centric though. I would recommend it for people starting out on the journey if wine, regardless of where you live. Then start looking for something a bit more global. Jancis Robinson and writers from different countries could help you get a good view. Finally, get a good wine rating/scoring app and develop your taste profile. The book gives you a good start on how to develop a disciplined approach.

I did not realize how little I knew about wine until I read this book. I had to purchase this book for a course I am taking at university, so my first impression was that this was an inexpensive resource. After receiving the book and reading it in its entirety, I feel comfortable talking about wine, and I am

purchasing several more tomes on the topic. If you already know the basics about wine regions, how to taste wine, wine-food pairings, and the history and methods of production in various places, then this text may be below your level. I would compare this to a couch to 5K prep for wine. If you are just getting into wine and want to know a little about everything, then look no further. It also makes great recommendations for further reading and making purchases. I cannot recommend this book enough. It is true that there are a few technologic kinks present in this new edition, but that hasn't bothered me since I like to read books uninterrupted by web pages and voice recordings. If the pronunciation guides et al. are extremely important to you, then you may be disappointed.

In addition to my 8-week wine course, I've bought other wine books after taking a very helpful course. Not sure anything I've invested in is better than this book by Kevin Zraly. Having it handy to reference blows other such books away and serves me better than trying to recall all learned at my course - and at 1/15th of my other educational expenses!

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