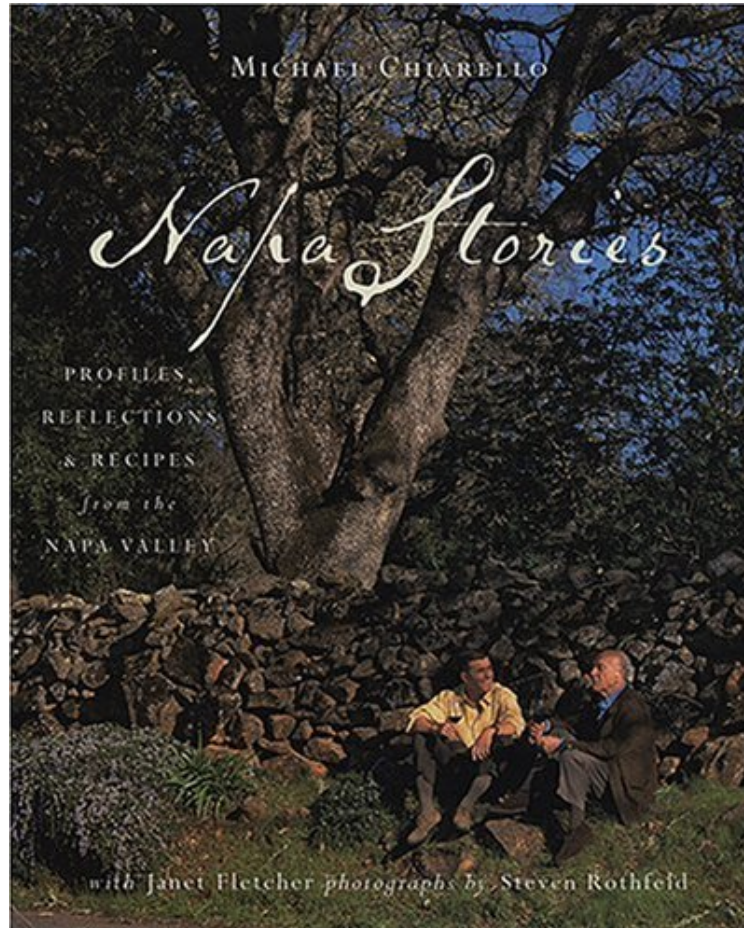


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.com The Napa Valley is justly famed for its winemaking. It's also home to the people responsible for that reputation, prominent vintners like Mondavi and Duckhorn, as well as lesser-known wine stars including Larry Turley and Tony Soter. Michael Chiarello's *Napa Stories*, written with Janet Fletcher, profiles these and others whose lives are intimately entwined with Napa wine production and enjoyment. A Valley resident for 15 years, Chiarello knows many of his subjects personally, and has also cooked for many of them at his award-winning restaurant in St. Helena, Tra Vigne. This personal involvement gives his book's narrative immediacy; his cooking savvy results in the book's selection of delicious, accessible valley recipes, such as Roast Chicken with Fennel and Cheese, Grilled Lamb Loins with Napa Cabernet, and Bing Cherry Compote with Basil Gelato. The book is organized around the illustrated profiles; in addition, Chiarello provides fascinating vignettes, such as Right Grape, Right Place; Napa Cheese; and Napa Wine, that elucidate the winemaking process (touching on such matters as varietal planting, fermentation, and blending) or celebrate the relationship of Napa food and wine. The Valley's compelling beauty and multicultural richness are captured in 150 color photos, which also depict the dishes in all their savor. With a resource list for authentic Napa Valley products, the book is an intimate blend of personal and territorial history--telling visual depictions, good food, and, of course, good wine. --Arthur Boehm
About the Author Michael Chiarello, a California native and Napa resident for 20 years, is an acclaimed chef and winemaker, TV personality, and the author of the best-selling *The Vigne Cookbook*, *At Home with Michael Chiarello* and *Michael Chiarello's Casual Cooking*. Janet Fletcher is staff food writer for the *San Francisco Chronicle*. Steven Rothfeld is a well-known photographer who specialises in travel and food photography. His books include *Bringing Tuscany Home*, *Entrez*, *Irish Dreams*, *French Dreams*, and *Italian Dreams*.