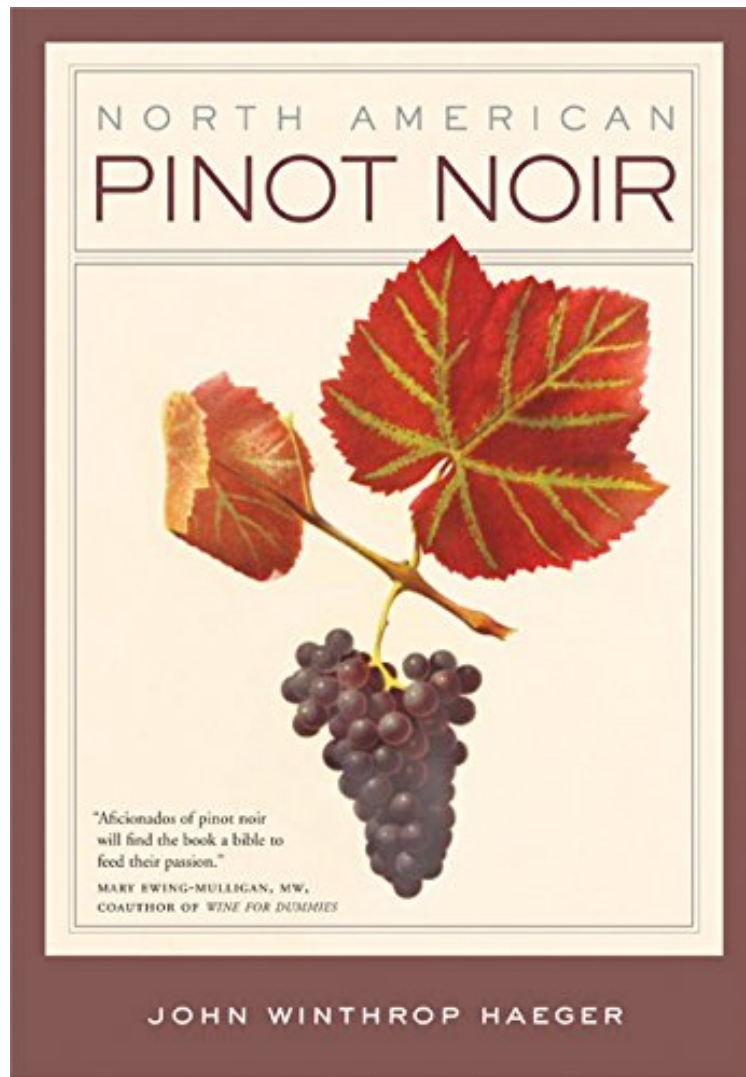


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**John Winthrop Haelig;ger : North American Pinot Noir** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised North American Pinot Noir:

2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Best book ever about Pinot Noir (for North America)By Sitting in SeattleIf you are interested in Pinor Noir and want to know more about its history, winemaking practices, or benchmark producers in North America, you need this book. Period. However, note that it is decidedly \*not\* a wine guide. It is about the varietal and its history, with selected (and now out of date) coverage of wines and producers.The book starts with history of PN production in the US and covers winemaking practices in moderate depth. It then profiles a few dozen of the most important producers, describing their history, vineyards, winemaking protocols, and

some tasting notes. This is extremely helpful for three audiences: (1) those interested in PN history; (2) those who want to learn about PN winemaking practices; (3) those who want to find the benchmark producers and have an introduction to their style. For instance, I found a small producer I had never heard of, ordered some of their wine, and have become a big fan. But note that the number of producers is small and far from exhaustive -- they are chosen for importance and representiveness -- and the book was published in 2004, meaning that most of the specific wines discussed are from the 1990s and very early 2000s. How does this book (NAPN) compare to Haeger's later book, "Pacific Pinot Noir" (PPN)? There are three primary differences. First, PPN presupposes that you either know or are uninterested in much of the history and detail available here in NAPN. If you want to substantial detail about the history, the founding producers and their practices, or the winemaking protocols, then this book (NAPN) is the better choice. Second, PPN focuses exclusively on the Pacific region, so the (few) producers elsewhere such as NY State are excluded (but some are included here in NAPN). Third, PPN is somewhat newer and has many, many more producers, so it serves much better as a guide to the wines that are available. In short, this book has a lot of detail about Pinot Noir, its history, and winemaking in North America. It is getting a bit old but most of the material is still relevant. However, it is neither exhaustive nor up to date, so it is of relatively little use as a wine guide (which is not its purpose). Still, for PN fans, it is an important and interesting read. Cheers!

5 of 6 people found the following review helpful. Ever Since Sideways By Robert Steelquist Ever since the movie "Sideways," it's been easy to love pinot and to know why. Like the movie's characters, pinot noir (the grape) is unpredictable, occasionally brilliant, often bad and otherwise given to fits and starts of temperment and quirkiness. John Haeger's "North American Pinot Noir" is the backstory. From the grape's historic evolution (probably in Burgundy) to its spread through North America's most marginal winelands, the pinot story on our continent is one of renegade artisinal winemakers living and dying with fickle vintages and improvised technology and, ultimately, winning the grudging respect of Burgundy's barons. This encyclopedic account starts with the plant, it's natural history (habits, pests, preferences and all) and progresses all the way through it's best products -- the wines themselves. The tasting notes are extensive and regrettably bounded in time, but they offer acclaim to some great vintages and some great vintners. As the book ages, the notes themselves will only serve to remind most of us of what we missed. But as a survey of pinot's great American terroirs and their beautiful fruits, the book confers rich knowlege and a deep sense of why this grape matters. The book is the University of Pinot Noir. For graduate school, find a place that you like -- Dundee Hills or Santa Maria Bench -- and proceed to the advanced seminars they offer.

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. The most comprehensive book on Pinot Noir. By Kiwisholland The most comprehensive book on Pinot Noir. I would love to see a current updated edition.

Pinot noir, the famously elegant, sexy, and capricious red grape of Burgundy, is finally producing impressive wines in North America. Credit talented winemakers, enthusiastic restaurateurs, and consumers in search of alternatives to cabernet and zinfandel. Considered perhaps the ultimate food wine, pinot noir has an allure based on its special combination of aromas, flavors, and mouthfeel; on its legendary capacity to reflect the terroir where it is grown; and on its reputation for being hard to grow and make. This is the definitive work on pinot noir in North America. A comprehensive reference for winemakers and aficionados as well as a sourcebook for casual enthusiasts, it includes extensive historical and viticultural background on pinot noir in the New World and profiles of six dozen prominent producers in California, Oregon, British Columbia, and New York. John Winthrop Haeger, known for his perceptive wine writing for more than fifteen years, gives contextual and comparative information about pinot noir in Burgundy and then tells the story of wine producers' early failures, frustrations, and breakthroughs in North America. He discusses plant genetics and clones, identifies the essential conditions for really good pinot, tells where the best wines are grown and made, and analyzes the factors that determine wine styles and signatures. In the second part of the book, he presents detailed producer profiles with accessibly written tasting notes on recent and mature vintages. A final section covers glassware, vintages, wine and food pairings, and other matters of interest to consumers. Maps prepared especially for this book cover all the major pinot-producing regions in North America.

From Publishers Weekly Pinot noir is the moodiest of grapes: at its best, it can be velvety and complex, a good pairing for both seafood and red meat; but its temper can change quickly, as the wine is fragile and unstable. As Haeger explains in this comprehensive guide to the wine, "pinot can show beautifully from barrel and then suffer an acute case of bottle shock. It can taste ethereal one day, but then close down to a shadow of its former self." No wonder, then, that it's taken American producers so long to master pinot's personality and develop wines that rival France's burgundies. But they have. Though Haeger's discussion of terroirs and his instructive essays ("The Rise of Pinot Noir in North America," "Winegrowing and Winemaking," etc.) may appeal only to serious oenophiles, the good news he shares is for everyone: "the food-friendliest wine on earth" now has scores of excellent American producers. Haeger profiles 72 of them in this volume, many of them smaller vineyards that casual wine drinkers may not yet have heard of. Thus Haeger succeeds in giving wine lovers a deeper and broader appreciation of the grape than any top-ten, five-star list could deliver. Copyright copy; Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved. "An impressive work, scholarly and masterful. Haeger's book paints a thorough portrait of pinot

noir in America today - what's happening, where, and with whom. Wine lovers will gain a broader understanding and appreciation of pinot noir wines; aficionados of pinot noir will find the book a bible to feed their passion." - Mary Ewing-Mulligan, MW, coauthor of Wine for Dummies and President of the International Wine Center; "Haeger combines the skills of a reporter with those of a poet in this definitive study of one of the world's great wine grapes as it is grown and vinified in North America - combining solid research and illuminating interviews with vivid descriptions of that most important thing: what the wine actually tastes and smells like." - Colman Andrews, Editor in Chief, Saveur; "John Haeger has written an engaging, thought-provoking book that every pinot noir lover will find fascinating." - Karen MacNeil, author of The Wine Bible "Finally, a book to demystify pinot and explain how American craftsman winemakers turn out wines made from Burgundy's legendary grape. Pinot noir pairs exceptionally well with a wide variety of foods, making it one of my personal favorites - and the ideal choice when dining out." - Bradley Ogden, author, chef, and co-owner, Lark Creek Restaurant Group"From the Inside Flap"Finally, a book to demystify pinot and explain how American craftsman winemakers turn out wines made from Burgundy's legendary grape. Pinot noir pairs exceptionally well with a wide variety of foods, making it one of my personal favorites--and the ideal choice when dining out."mdash;Bradley Ogden, author, chef, and co-owner, Lark Creek Restaurant Group"An impressive work, scholarly and masterful. Haeger's book paints a thorough portrait of pinot noir in America todaymdash;what's happening, where, and with whom. Wine lovers will gain a broader understanding and appreciation of pinot noir wines; aficionados of pinot noir will find the book a bible to feed their passion."mdash;Mary Ewing-Mulligan, MW, coauthor of Wine for Dummies and President of the International Wine Center"Haeger combines the skills of a reporter with those of a poet in this definitive study of one of the world's great wine grapes as it is grown and vinified in North Americamdash;combining solid research and illuminating interviews with vivid descriptions of that most important thing: what the wine actually tastes and smells like."mdash;Colman Andrews, Editor in Chief, Saveur "John Haeger has written an engaging, thought-provoking book that every pinot noir lover will find fascinating."mdash;Karen MacNeil, author of The Wine Bible