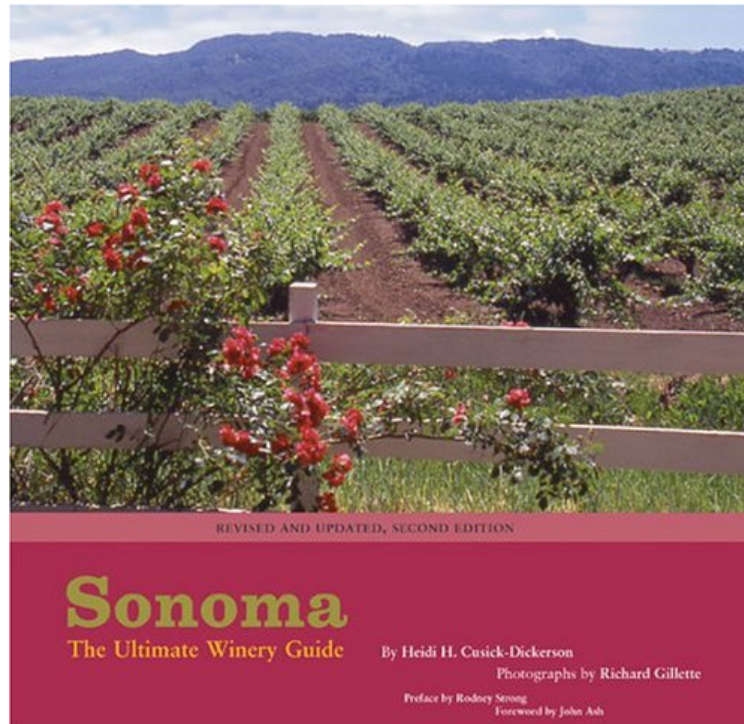


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Spilling over with spectacular vistas and practical information, Sonoma is the ultimate guide to one of California's premier wine regions. This new edition is fully updated, including five new winery profiles as well as a fresh new cover and interior design. Renowned wine and food writer Heidi H. Cusick-Dickerson reveals which wineries have the best gardens, the most informative tours, and the most magnificent views. She also highlights the best season to visit each site and offers insightful information on winemaking and local history. Sidebars outline directions, visiting hours, and winery highlights, and a detailed map is printed on the inside covers of the book, making for easy navigation. Illustrated with Richard Gillette's stunning, full-color photography, *Sonoma: The Ultimate Winery Guide* is both a practical guide to the region and a beautiful keepsake.

-- Appellation, January 1996 One good thing about wineries not opening until 10 or 11 A.M. is the chance it gives a photographer to explore and record them, empty and inviting, in all their morning glory. Collaborating with food and wine writer Heidi Cusick, Richard Gillette has captured that ephemeral, pretourist moment in a lovely new guide to Sonoma wineries. The two have recreated the colors and composition of Sonoma, serving up a taste of magical places and providing a guide to help appreciate them. Mendocino-based Cusick writes of Sonoma with the enthusiasm and insight of a native. It's a pleasure to follow her through the pitfalls ("watch out for poison oak") and the pleasantries of Sonoma winery touring ("Italian right down to the door hinges and the frescoes"). Her descriptions are so focused and colorful, the reader will soon begin to trust her opinions and look to her for guidance. There's insider information along with a good mix of tourist trivia. Even the mundane details are conveyed in a fresh and versatile way, such as in the line "access, tastings, picnics and programs, enroute food and farms." Cusick puts her wineries and vintners into a larger, more robust context, which is all of Sonoma County. Gillette's photos share Cusick's balance of detail with dreamscape; each shot carries its own natural order and beauty. Like Cusick, Gillette knows intuitively how to include in his frame just the right proportion of content to white space, cool shadow to bright blossom. Rodney Strong's vital, caring introduction to the book says what needs to be said about Sonoma: "I will travel, but I will never leave. I am here. Join me." Heidi Cusick and Richard Gillette show us how. [Heidi Cusick and Richard Gillette] have recreated the colors and composition of Sonoma, serving up a taste of magical places and providing a guide to help appreciate them.

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