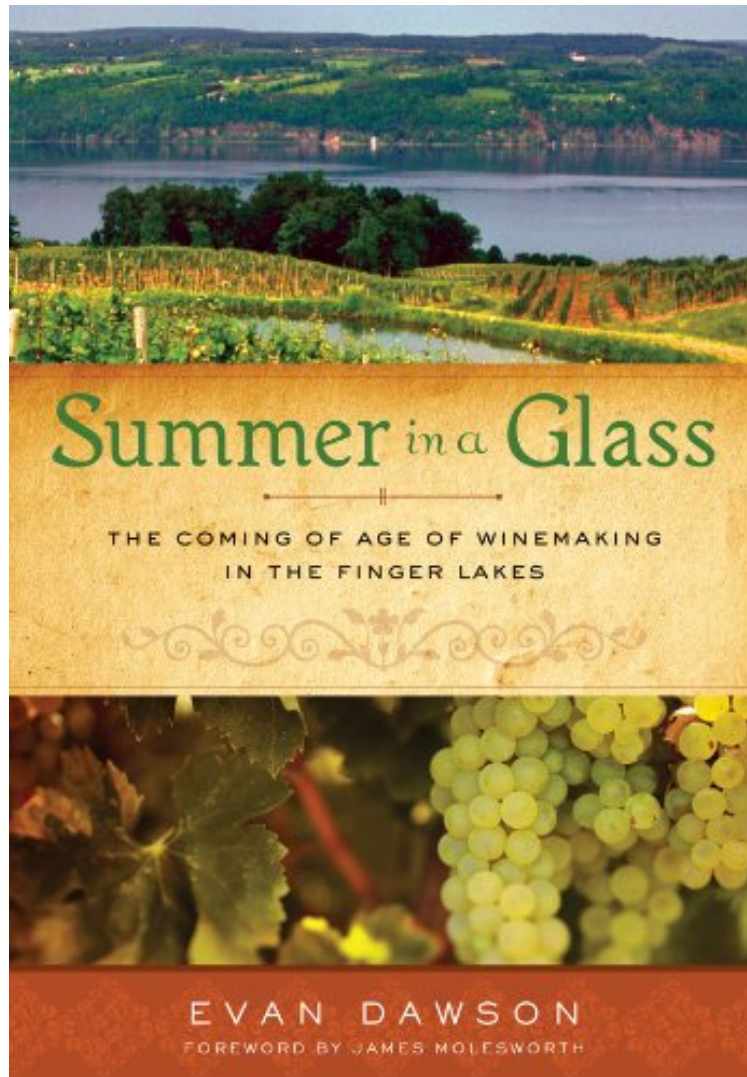


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**Evan Dawson : Summer in a Glass: The Coming of Age of Winemaking in the Finger Lakes** before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Summer in a Glass: The Coming of Age of Winemaking in the Finger Lakes:

21 of 21 people found the following review helpful. Impressive Storyteller By Robert Dwyer You know a book is good when you're bummed to be deplaning a cross-country flight before you've finished reading. But that's what happened to me with Evan Dawson's Summer in a Glass: The Coming of Age of Winemaking in the Finger Lakes recently. The

book tells the stories of 13 winemakers in the New York State wine region, each extensively researched and told in a narrative non-fiction format. I found the approach particularly effective in conveying each winemaker's story and raising their wines to a higher level of understanding and potential enjoyment. On several occasions I found myself wanting to seek out specific wines described in the book. If the idea of reading winemaker stories leaves you uninspired I think I might know how you feel. For me, most winery stories sound similar: Guy makes boatloads of money in a non-related industry, dumps it into the sexier wine trade and is now producing wine made with unparalleled standards at unbelievably high prices. That said *Summer in a Glass* succeeds by relating stories in a way the winemakers themselves might have trouble conveying with a similar level of intrigue. Perhaps that's because the author is a storyteller by trade anchoring the news desk at Rochester's ABC affiliate. He's also a wine writer who contributes regularly to online wine publications - primarily the highly regarded New York Cork Report. Dawson is the kind of writer I find interesting regardless of the subject he's writing about -- whether it's migraines, Barbaresco or Finger Lakes Riesling. Impressive On a Number of Levels First and foremost there's the undeniable charm of being transported to a region like the Finger Lakes. Given its duration and intensity, winter in the Finger Lakes makes summer all the more appreciated and Dawson captures the essence of each season beautifully. It's never in your face with metaphors but the notion of how special warm summer nights are comes through brilliantly. At its best *Summer in a Glass* weaves chapters together in near-cliff hanger style showing the interconnectedness of winemakers in the region leaving the reader wondering how each winery will fare. The work Dawson put into researching the stories relayed is evident and pays dividends. Dawson's wide-open, inclusive personality comes through brilliantly as he embeds just enough of himself in the story to draw the reader in. One of the most difficult things to do as a narrative story teller, I think, is convey a story about the less-likeable character. It's relatively easy to tell the story of a gregarious German like Anthony Road's Johannes Reinhardt but revealing the essence of a highly regarded but not-so-collaborative winemaker like Hermann Wiemer is a different challenge. As an author you know the subject will read what you've written - and might not be happy with it - but Dawson finds a way to find the best lighting for each personality while painting an accurate picture. Conclusion and Recommendations After reading *Summer in a Glass* in some ways I regret not visiting the region already. But at the same time I feel I now have a reliable guide pointing me some of the best producers in the region and an interest in tasting the wines to compare notes with what's described in the book. If you're a content creator you might find yourself wondering as you read the book: Could I write something on par with this about another wine region? Regardless of the answer the fact the book has you asking that question is, I think, an inspiring achievement in itself. I highly recommend *Summer in a Glass* for anyone interested in good stories about wine, especially in the Finger Lakes, and especially if you're headed there for a visit any time soon. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. It's an easy and very enjoyable read. By Customer Bought this book a couple of years ago and have read it twice. It's an easy and very enjoyable read. Really liked the manner in which Mr. Dawson presents the background of the wineries he features. Have shared SAIG with a local sommelier who has met Mr. Dawson and is very familiar with many of the Finger Lake wineries but hadn't read SAIG - she absolutely loved it. Wanted to share SAIG with another local wine lover, so I bought a 2nd book. My goal is to visit each of the wineries featured in the book. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. GREAT BOOK FOR AN UNDERRATED WINE REGION By Carl Palange GREAT BOOK FOR AN UNDERRATED WINE REGION. I LIVE IN NORTH CAROLINA AND I DID THE FINGER LAKE WINE TRAIL A COUPLE OF TIMES. TRUE STORY AND THE HISTORY OF THE WINE MAKERS IS GREAT A LOT OF GOOD WINE IN THE FINGER LAKES, AND THEIR RIESLINGS ARE SUPERB IN MY OPINION. JUST A FABULOUS READ, AND I WILL READ IT AGAIN IN A COUPLE OF MONTHS.

New York's Finger Lakes is home to the country's fastest-growing wine region, and each year millions of tourists spill into the tasting rooms of its wineries. Filled with fun and likable characters, *Summer in a Glass* brings this burgeoning area to life and captures its exciting diversity--from its immigrant German winemakers to its young, technically trained connoisseurs, from classic Rieslings to up-and-coming Cabernet Francs.

"..Dawson stitches together diverse portraits to compose a useful travel guide, lessons in Wine 101, and, most important, a reminder of what makes wine so alluring. A fast, engaging read for wine lovers, especially those planning to visit the Finger Lakes region." --"Library Journal" From the Inside Flap New York State's Finger Lakes is the fastest-growing wine region in the country, garnering raves for its Riesling and Gewuuml;rztaminer from such prestigious publications as Wine Spectator and the New York Times, and now the rest of the wine world has started to take notice. Here for the first time, news journalist and accomplished wine writer Evan Dawson takes you behind the scenes to meet the winemakers, winery owners, grape growers, and other regional personalities who have transformed the Finger Lakes region from its earliest days as an unheralded district to a place where an exciting new wine revolution is centered. Some of these individuals include Johannes Reinhardt, who left his family's winery in Germany in the middle of the night to begin his search for new life; Morten Hallgren, the brilliant astrophysicist-turned-winemaker who came to rebuild his dream after losing his family winery in France; Dave Whiting, who hosts one of several secret

society groups in the region; and Peter and Joanna Bell, who recounted the near-death experiences and chance encounters that had set their course for a winemaking region the once knew nothing about. *Summer in a Glass* is "not too technical, with just the right amount of explanation when needed, while always staying focused on the personas rather than just the numbers," writes James Molesworth in the book's foreword. It offers a "sneak peek into a history that is being written right now by a cast of characters driven to put the Finger Lakes on everyone's wine map." About the Author  
Dawson is Managing Editor of the New York Cork Report. He is also a morning news anchor at WHAM-TV and CW-16 in Rochester, NY.