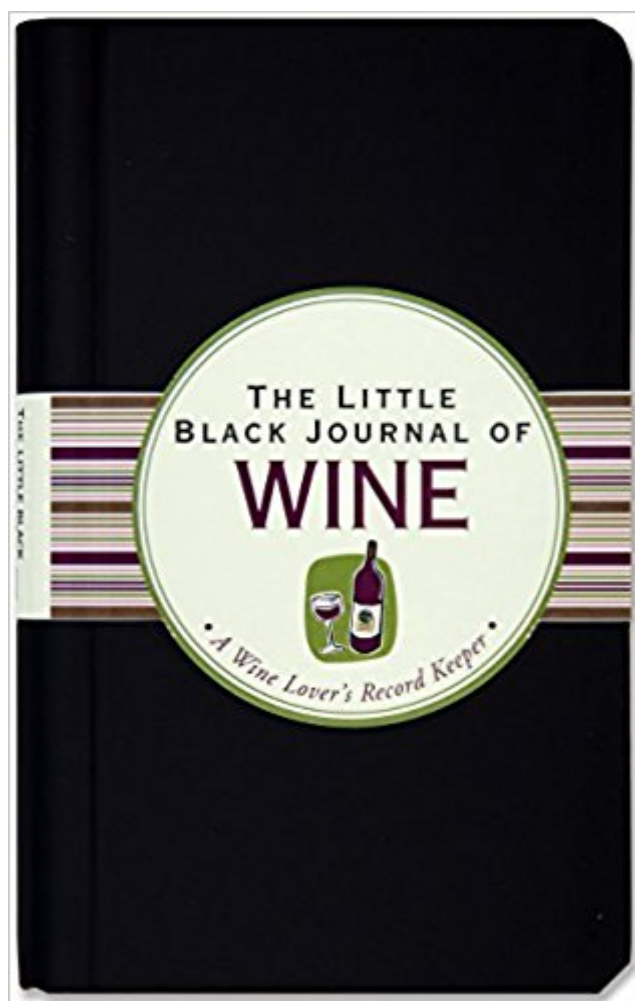


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# The Little Black Journal Of Wine: A Wine Lover's Record Keeper (Diary, Notebook)



## Synopsis

Chart your course through the world of wine with this bestselling portable guided notebook, now including added features to help you fine-tune your wine sense as you record ratings and observations of wines you've tasted. This journal includes tips on judging wine and a helpful glossary of wine terms. Revised record pages provide plenty of room for your tasting notes with the Wine Spectator 100-Point Rating Scale. Includes Wines to Try Wish List. Pages to note Vineyards to Visit. Your own fill-in Index of Wines Tasted. Convenient back cover pocket for labels, wine-related articles, business cards, more. Journal has 176 pages. Portable size: 4-1/2" x 7-1/2". Binding lies flat for ease of use.

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## Customer Reviews

I looked at several books for tracking wine and liked this one the best because, as Goldielocks said, "It wasn't too big, it wasn't too small, it was just right." Other books either didn't have areas to write down appropriate notes, or they were way too big for carrying along in one's purse. If you are a person who wants to save labels, this one does not have a section for that, but it does have all the prompts for making notes regarding all the info about a wine. It also has a "star rating system" as well as a numerical rating system at the bottom of each wine entry page. There are a few pages in the back for extra notes and a handy elastic page holder. Since using this book, I no longer have to wonder if I've bought a certain wine before or not and if I liked it. (Sometimes it will be a few weeks before I go wine shopping and I've forgotten what I thought about a particular wine. No jokes please, LOL.)

Handy, useful item to keep track of wines tasted and enjoyed - or not (which is just as important to remember!). Good space for notes, info on the 'how' of wine-tasting, a brief glossary of 'wine terms', and several quotations. Probably the most important for those who taste and drink with no aspirations to become a sommelier is "Have confidence in your own palate - it is, after all, the only one you will ever need to impress." (Joseph DeLissio, *The River Café* © Wine Primer)

Good wine journal that helps me to record my wines when on vacation. I like doing it this way so I will not only have a record of my wines, but also a snapshot of the wineries I visited. I like, too, the elastic bookmark that allows me to be able to know where my place is...and, you can stick a pen in the spine if you want. (Not actually intended, but it works)

This was a gift for my mother who was working her way through trying to find a Chardonnay that she really liked. She had random notes of names and other information, but this gave her one place to keep everything and it is easy to take to the store with you, so you don't buy a repeat.

My wife buys wine likes the bottle than will see it at the store and ask me if I remembered if she liked it. I got fed up with her always asking if I could recall where she bought a bottle or if she liked a particular brand. I bought the Little Black Journal for her and all of her problems are solved. It has a place for tasting notes, lets you score the wine on 1-100 scale, and a place for your thoughts of the wine. The only drawback is that because it is small enough to fit in a purse the pages and spaces to write are pretty small. I would say this is the best wine purchase she has bought after the rabbit bottle opener.

Only a few small niggles on what is basically a very good product. I bought this for my husband for Christmas and he is happily filling it in every time we have a new bottle of wine. And it is definitely making us study and think about what we're drinking more and actually savouring the differences. I don't know why the ratings only start at 70. We have had at least a couple of bottles we would like to rate lower than that. A scale of 70-100 seems a bit odd to me. It would be nice to have some sort of index/overview you could fill in at the front or back to use as quick reference, rather than always having to check through the whole book. It would also be good to have a few blank pages where you could write a wish list of wines to look for when shopping or wine tasting. So small things really and maybe I'm just picky! It is a good quality booklet. Large enough that you're not too squashed for space, but small enough that you could easily take it out and about with you.

This is good. It is handy and gets the job done, especially great for those who travels with it due to its compact size. I found myself ran out of writing space often tho. Overall it is a great product.

I recently ordered/received this book as a stocking stuffer for my husband. Pros:- I like the size (roughly 5"x7.5")- I like the format and look of the inside pages- I like the fact that it is spiral-bound so that it will actually stay open to the page that you are looking at or trying to fill-in Cons:- The biggest reason I am writing this review, is that the cover, which isn't as nice as I had hoped to start with (it is just a hard sort of card stock, firm enough, but doesn't seem luxurious enough to go with the wine theme) is dirty. It is as if glue was on the book and someone tried to wipe it off, so there are these smears/smudges in several (4) places. It isn't as noticeable as a white/light mark on the black cover, but it does make the matte black finish look shiny in those places, and I am wary of trying to wash it off since the cover is just a thick paper product and doesn't seem waterproof - I don't want to make it worse. Fortunately, my husband is not the sort to care too much about it, so I probably won't go through the hassle of returning it, but I can tell you that if I had picked this up in a book shop, I would be looking to the back of the stack to find one without the marks or walking away. Plus, as it is a gift, you always want things to be nice, even if he won't care.- The other thing I wish it had is a quick sort of "suggested terms" section to give him ideas of how to describe what he is tasting (ie a page that says common appearance descriptions include: /common nose descriptions: / the most common taste descriptions include: citrus, berry flavors, smoky, tobacco, etc...). There is a VERY brief intro and glossary at the back of the book that does, in paragraph form mention a few of these terms, but it is skimpy, plus, I'm a sucker for clear lists/bullet points. I may actually paste something onto the back cover with this info to both add the info and cover the majority of the smudge marks. Overall, I think this will function nicely, but was a little disappointed with the details and cleanliness.

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