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First published in hardcover as "Oz Clarke's Encyclopedia of Grapes," "Oz Clarke's" "Grapes and Wines" is newly revised and updated to provide the most current information on an even wider array of grapes. Chardonnay, Cabernet Sauvignon, and fifteen other "classic" grapes are covered in depth—with features on tradition and innovation, methods used in the vineyard and the winery, and different wine styles around the world. The people behind the world's best wine talk about what they do and what they are trying to achieve. Oz also provides vivid descriptions of more than three hundred grape varieties organized in his renowned A-to-Z format, as well as a glossary of technical terms and a wine decoder that lists which grapes go into which wines.

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A former leading West End actor, Oz Clarke is one of the world's best-known wine experts, whose formidable reputation is based on his extensive wine knowledge and accessible, no-nonsense approach. Known for his phenomenal palate, irreverent style, accurate predictions and enthusiasm for life in general, Oz is Britain's most popular wine writer.

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