



Wines of the Levant

A Journey Through Lebanon, Israel and Cyprus

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- A beautiful illustrated guide to some of the world's greatest wine regions, digging deep into the soil and schist
- Written by one of the world's leading experts on wine geology
- A great gift for any wine lover who cares where their wine comes from
- Myth-busting, engaging and full of debate

The three Levantine countries of Lebanon, Israel and Cyprus all have internal divisions and external tensions but share a common thread of history and tradition. This book looks at what unites the society, history and culture of these three countries by examining them through the prism of wine. The three writers show how the message of the vine can make us smile, give us hope and bring us together; how the grape endures despite instability and conflict, corruption and extremism and finally how wine can be a glorious metaphor for the generosity of the human spirit. The book will interest not just students of wine and wine enthusiasts but also those interested in learning more about the culture and society of these three countries.

- Documents the revival of winemaking in three wine-producing countries that were at the centre of wine production in the ancient world.
- The first book to bring the wines of the three most significant Levantine producers together to provide an expanded view of winemaking in the eastern Mediterranean.
- Authors' friendship and common experiences of winemakers in the three countries provide an alternative view to the narrative of conflict and difference in this part of the world.
- Authors are all well-regarded authorities on the wines of their respective countries.
- Supported by colour maps and photos.

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