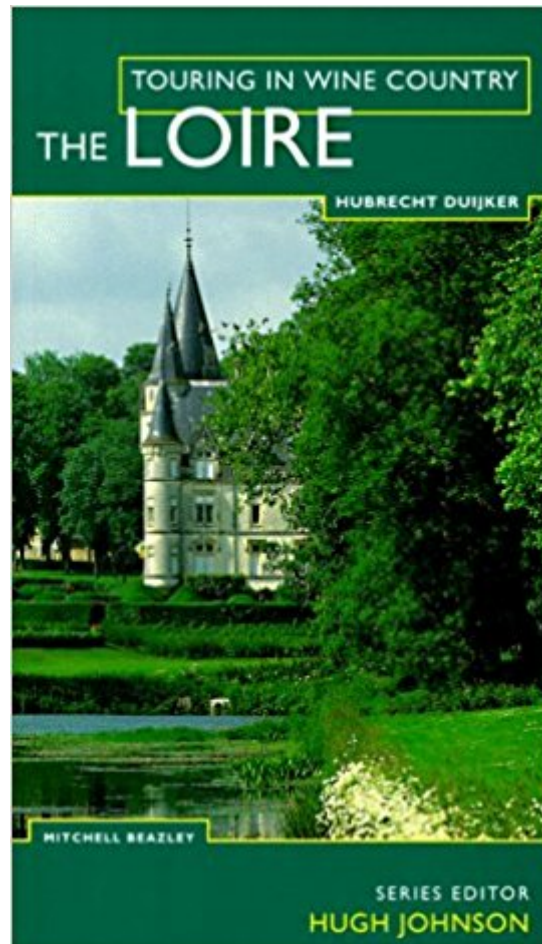


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There are eight titles in this series on European wine regions, edited by famed wine expert Johnson (Hugh Johnson's *Pocket Encyclopedia of Wine*, S. & S., 1993). The authors are well-known wine writers, and the books offer tours through various wine-producing regions. There are individual maps, lists of recommended wineries with phone numbers and languages spoken, food specialties, hotels, restaurants, and places of interest. The color photographs are splendid, the information on the wines and vineyards excellent. The books, though not pocket-size, are convenient for the backpack. One wishes they had more information on travel by train. For those interested in the wine country of Europe, these are first-rate guides that may be used with more general guides. [For more on the subject of wine, see "Uncorking Your Wine and Beer Collections," p. 61-64. Ed.] George M. Jenks, Bucknell Univ., Lewisburg, Pa. Copyright 1997 Reed Business Information, Inc.

I am using this book to plan an upcoming trip, so I haven't had a chance to check the book's

recommendations, but I have been to this region before. I have purchased 4 or 5 other books to research the Loire Valley and this is the most useful. It doesn't contain much information about the chateaux in the region (generally repeated in all the other books). What it does have is some really useful photographs that help to give a sense of what the different towns are like, detailed and nuanced recommendations of places to stay and places to eat, and a guide to a few hundred or so vineyards. I strongly recommend this book to anyone at all interested in wine, who also wants information about some of the towns and villages too small to end up in the regular tourist guides.

Hugh Johnson has a knack for giving very down to earth descriptions of the small villages, and the various chateaux to visit if you're into wine. He also lets you know the quaint places to stay in hidden away places, and where to stay away from so you can enjoy your experience in the wine country

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