

Thirsty

100 Great Wines and Stories by The Wine Guy
Tom Gilbey



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The internet's most charismatic wine expert shares hilarious life, wine, and food stories

'I like to talk about wine the way normal humans talk about things they love – it's not about showing off how many fancy wine terms I know. The point is to share something I love with someone else in a way that makes them want to love it too.' Tom Gilbey

This is not simply a wine book, it's about living the good life while cherishing each sip along the way. For Tom Gilbey the two are inseparable. The UK's most charismatic wine expert invites readers to discover the joy, hilarity, and humanity of wine in **Thirsty**, a vibrant memoir-meets-guide bursting with 100 unforgettable wines and the even juicier stories behind them.

Thirsty is the story of Tom's life in wine. A celebration of all the fascinating characters who make it, and a history of the Gilbey's family love affair with winemaking and – let's be honest – drinking since the 1800s.

Learn all about:

- **How to read a label (even if you can't speak the language)**
- **talk wine without sounding naff**
- **choose wine in a restaurant**
- **explain why some wine might smell like your granny's cardigan**
- **find £9.99 wines that can still blow your socks off**

You will travel with Tom to a Chateaux in France's Beaujolais, vineyards in England's Thames Valley, wineries in Australia's Hunter Valley and the unsung aisles of Sainsbury's, Waitrose, Majestic and – rest in peace – Oddbins.

Tom shares with us how this gloriously gluggable elixir is, at its heart, made to bring pleasure, to bring people together, and to make us slow down - taking time to savour not just the food and drink on the table, but, the moment itself.

Author Biog:

Tom Gilbey is an award-winning wine expert, with an unrivalled career in wine, and has fast become one of Instagram's favourite faces. The Gilbey family were pioneers of the wine trade. They were the first British family to buy a Bordeaux Chateau in 1875, founded the legendary Gilbey's Gin and used the iconic Camden roundhouse as a delivery hub. With over 30 years in the industry, Tom has an unmatched knowledge, energy and dedication to wine. His mission to take the only drink that restaurants give a whole book to off of its scary and confusing pedestal has seen him gather a wave of new wine loving fans - all drawn together by Tom's passion, comedy, and charm.

In his time, Tom has been a winemaker, merchant, educator, public speaker, columnist and most recently, an accidental Internet sensation - alongside his long suffering producer/director/son Fred – doing silly things like a sipping Chardonnay in an ice bath, and blind tasting 25 wines whilst running the London marathon.

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