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The Intelligent Guides to Wines and Top Vineyards focus on classic wine-producing regions. This guide discusses the wines of Southwest France, including Bergerac and Monbazillac near Bordeaux, Cahors and Gaillac in the Dordogne, and Madiran and Jurançon near the Pyrenees. The guide is divided into two parts. The first part describes the region and the types of wines it produces, and the second part has detailed profiles of the leading estates. The guide is illustrated with photographs of each area, topological maps to show the terrain, road maps to identify the locations of estates, and information on recent vintages. Description of each area includes its geography, the grape varieties that are grown, how these relate to the styles of wines that are produced, wines from entry level to icons, current trends and how styles are evolving. Profiles range from producers who may dominate an appellation to small estates that define the cutting edge. The profiles identify the best of tradition and innovation in the region. Each estate profile describes the producer's aims for his wines, and the personality and philosophy behind them. References wines are suggested for each producer, together with essential information for planning a visit. This Guide is the indispensable means for understanding the Southwest, tasting its wines, and finding the top producers. It is updated regularly to have the latest information.

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