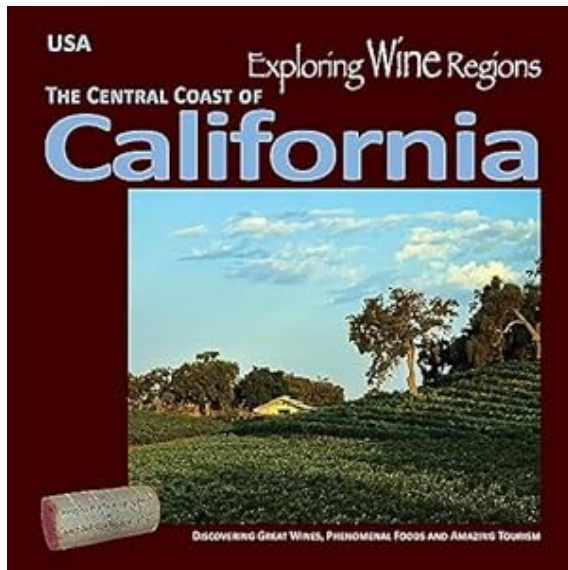




Readers' Favorite® Book Reviews and Award Contest

Book Review Mini-Critique



Below you will find ratings (scale of 1-5) with general descriptions for the major parts of your book followed by your Readers' Favorite review. Although this is just a Mini-Critique, we hope it will give you an insight into how readers may view the different components of your book.

These are the opinions of your reviewer, and although they are not a literary professional, they are an avid reader of books just like yours.

Title: Exploring Wine Regions - California Central Coast
Subtitle: Discovering Great Wines, Phenomenal Foods and Amazing Tourism (Exploring Wine Regions, 3)
Author: Michael C. Higgins PhD
Genre: Non-Fiction - Travel



Appearance: The appearance of a book can make a significant impact on the experience of a reader, whose enjoyment is often enhanced by an enticing cover, an intriguing table of contents, interesting chapter headings, and when possible, eye-catching illustrations.

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Plot: The characters of a book should be well defined with strengths and flaws, and while they do not have to be likable, the reader does have to be able to form a connection with them. The tone should be consistent, the theme should be clear, and the plot should be original or told from a unique perspective. For informative books -- those without plot and characters--this rating refers primarily to your concept and how well you presented it.

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Development: Development refers to how effectively you told your story or discussed your topic. The dialogue should be realistic, the descriptions should be vivid, and the material should be concise and coherent. Organization is also a key factor, especially for informative books -- those without plot and characters. The order in which you tell your story or explain your topic and how smoothly it flows can have a huge impact on the reader's understanding and enjoyment of the material.

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Formatting: Formatting is the single most overlooked area by authors. The way in which you describe scenes, display dialogue, and shift point of view can make or break your story. In addition, excessive grammatical errors and typos can give your book an amateurish feel and even put off readers completely.

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Marketability: Marketability refers to how effectively you wrote your book for your target audience. Authors may include content that is above or below the understanding of their target reader, or include concepts, opinions or language that can accidentally confuse or alienate some readers. Although by its nature this rating is very subjective, a very low rating here and poor reviews may indicate an issue with your book in this area.

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Overall Opinion: The overall starred rating takes into account all these elements and describes the overall reading experience of your reviewer. This is the official Readers' Favorite review rating for your book.

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Review:

Reviewed by Vernita Naylor for Readers' Favorite

Wine is extremely popular in some countries and it has become a part of the many ways that several cultures socialize. At some high-end restaurants in addition to the food menu, you will be presented with a wine list that could have pages of wine choices from whites to red with various types of flavors to suit your palate. You are in for a treat reading *Exploring Wine Regions: California Central Coast* by author, photographer, and photojournalist Michael C. Higgins. In this book, you will learn about the wines that are special to the California Central Coast area. Michael has carefully crafted a guide using his background and own experiences to help you understand the history behind the wine that many have come to love and enjoy. The California Central Coast consists of Monterey, San Luis Obispo, and Santa Barbara Counties. Here you will discover how the location of your ideal wine is based upon its terroir. A terroir is an ecosystem (soil, topography, weather, and climate) that blends with the grapes to help build its wine character. But we wouldn't have Pinot Noir, Cabernet Sauvignon, Chardonnay, Zinfandel, and Grenache without the exceptional creativity of the winemakers, vintners, and other talents that work within the terroir to help build the personality of the wines.

I am a California Bay Area native and have always been familiar with the Napa and Sonoma Valley wineries but during my various stays within the California Central Coast area, I never thought of the wineries within it. Michael has influenced my curiosity. In reading, *Exploring Wine Regions* by Michael C. Higgins, I am now challenging myself to visit some of these places soon. Additionally, I was fascinated to learn the various terms and professions that are associated with the wine industry: oenologist, appellation, American Viticulture Areas (AVA), and of course, terroir. It was also amazing to learn that there are over 100 soil variations, which may include volcanic ash, lime, or granite, that are unique to the state and influence the bodies of the wines being created. In this book, you will not only learn about the location of the wines and their price point within the California Central Coast area but also details on hotels, restaurants, and activities to experience and explore. Grab a copy of this book, go on an adventure, stay for a while within the area, and explore the beauty and fun that awaits.