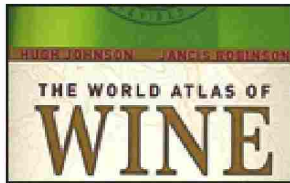


## DRINKS



### Season's readings

There are almost as many books about wines, spirits, brews and other beverages as there are bottles. Here are a few recommendations from the 2007 vintage:

**"The Complete Bordeaux"** by Stephen Brook (Mitchell Beazley, \$60). Going chateau-by-chateau through the wine world's most revered terrain; informed and informative, through the 2006 vintage.

**"I'll Drink to That"** by Rudolph Chelminski (Gotham Books / Penguin). The vintage tale of Beaujolais in general and the author's friend Georges Duboeuf in particular. Easygoing, like the wine.

**"The Story of Tea"** by Mary Lou Heiss and Robert J. Heiss (Ten Speed Press, \$29.95). They know how to fill the cup. History, geography, drinking, steeped in facts and photos.

**"The World Atlas of Wine"** by Hugh Johnson and Jancis Robinson (Mitchell Beazley, \$50). The sixth edition of an essential work; fine maps, commentary. For the record, Long Island is on page 320.

**"Good Spirits"** by A.J. Rathbun (Harvard Common Press, \$29.95). Very good, accessible cocktail recipes, delivered with a chaser of humor, history, criticism and insight.

**"The House of Mon-**

**davi"** by Julia Flynn Siler (Gotham Books / Penguin, \$28). The answer to "What happened?" Four generations of history, business and the breakup of a legendary winery, reported with clarity and intelligence.

**"Questions of Taste"** edited by Barry Smith (Oxford, \$27.95). Subtitled "the philosophy of wine," this collection of insightful essays addresses the experience, the language, taste, art, more. Drink and think.

**"Imbibe!"** by David Wondrich (Perigee, \$23.95). The colorful mixologist delivers an ode to Jerry Thomas, wrote the first bartender's guide and lived a 100-proof life. Lots of recipes, lots of history. Raise a glass.

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