

Oz Clarke

BIOGRAPHY



'Oz Clarke is the nearest thing to genius in the world of wine writing.' - Harpers

Oz Clarke is one of the world's leading wine experts, whose formidable reputation is based on his extensive wine knowledge and accessible, no-nonsense approach.

His tasting skills have won him an international reputation and he is acknowledged as having one of the finest palates of anyone writing about wine today. He brings a refreshingly unorthodox wit and directness to the subject and has won all the major wine writing awards both in the UK and the USA many times over. He also won the Lanson Special Millennium Award 1999 for outstanding contribution to wine communication and education, and the International Wine & Spirit Competition International Drinks Communicator of the Year Award 2006.

Oz's best-selling books include *Let me tell you about wine* (2014), *Wine Atlas, Grapes & Wines* (2014 with Margaret Rand), and *Bordeaux – for which he won the Louis Roederer International Wine Writers' Award 2009* and a 3rd edition was published on 2012. His popular annual guides: *Pocket Wine Book* and *250 Best Wines Wine Buying Guide* are published by Pavilion Books. **Oz** has two new books with Pavilion to be published this year; *Grapes and Wines* in April 2015, and *The History of Wine in 100 Bottles* in May 2015.

His frequent TV and radio appearances are broadcast internationally. **Oz** is well known for presenting on the long running series *Food & Drink* between 1982 and 2002. More recent work includes three successful BBC Two series with co-presenter James May and guest appearances in *James May's Toy Stories*, as well as two series with Hugh Dennis. For their series and the accompanying book **Oz** and James were awarded the *International Wine Challenge Personality of the Year Award*, the *TRIC TV Arts/Documentary Programme of the Year Award* and the *Gourmand World Cookbook Award* for Best Wine Literature.

In 2010 **Oz** was made a *Officier de l'Ordre du Mérite Agricole* by the French government for services to French agriculture, and he was honoured with a Lifetime Achievement Award at the Drinks Retailing Awards 2015.

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