

# Oz Clarke

## One of the World's leading wine experts

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## About

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 passion for the subject dates from his student days at Oxford University, where he won tasting competitions at a precociously early age.

Since then 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. Oz Clarke 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, including the Glenfiddich (three times), André Simon, Wine Guild (three times), James Beard, Julia Child, World Food Media and Lanson (five times) awards; in 1999 he won the Lanson Special Millennium Award for his outstanding contribution to wine communication and education; in 2001 Oz Clarke was the keynote speaker at the Boston Wine Expo, the world's largest consumer wine event, and he has been the keynote speaker at both the Wine Experience in New York and the California Wine Experience in San Francisco, where he was voted best keynote speaker by those attending.

In 2006 Oz won the prestigious International Wine & Spirit Competition International Drinks Communicator of the Year Award and in September 2009 Oz won the Louis Roederer International Wine Writers' Award for International Wine Book of the Year for his book on Bordeaux. Oz's current best selling books include his two annuals (Pocket Wine Book and 250 Best Wines Wine Buying Guide), Let me tell you about wine, Bordeaux, Wine Atlas and Grapes & Wines (with Margaret Rand).

Oz Clarke's frequent BBC TV and radio appearances are broadcast around the world. Oz's third BBC TV series with 'Top Gear' co-presenter James May was 'Oz and James Drink to Britain' - a rollicking caravan adventure around the British Isles exploring beers, cider, whisky, wine and more. For this series and the accompanying book Oz and James were awarded the International Wine Challenge Personality of the Year Award, the TRIC (Television and Radio Industries Club) TV Arts/Documentary Programme of the Year Award and the Gourmand World Cookbook Award for Best Wine Literature. Most recently, in September 2010, Oz Clarke was created an Officier de l'Ordre du Mérite Agricole by the French government for services to French agriculture.

Before wine took over his life in 1984, Oz Clarke was a full-time actor and singer, appearing in West End hit shows such as 'Evita', 'Sweeney Todd' and 'The Mitford Girls', and touring with the Royal Shakespeare Company.

Oz is also sports mad and supports Gillingham Football Club, near his childhood home in Kent.

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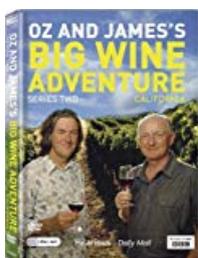
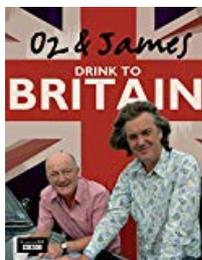
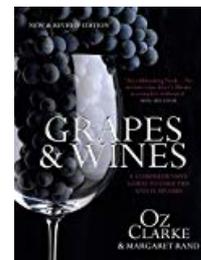
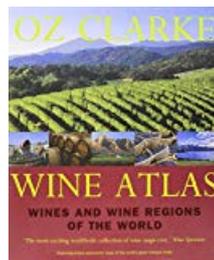
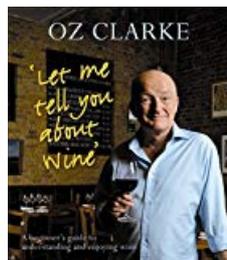
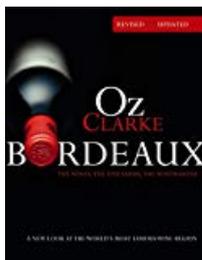
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