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Award-winning illustrator Steadman high-jumps onto the current bandwagon of books about wine. Animating Steadman's ebullient, bristling, irreverent prose are kinetic, gracefully sensuous, and utterly inimitable images that pulsate with enthusiasm for his chosen subject. This visual feast is appropriate accompaniment to Steadman's text, which keenly enables the reader to vicariously experience wineries from Bordeaux to Oporto and on to Napa Valley (imbibing at least in spirit along with the author). Anyone with a soupcon of joie de vivre will be besotted with Steadman's first-class style as raconteur, wine expert, and travel writer. Fine printing and production increase the book's appeal. *Alice Joyce*

From Kirkus Reviews

For the oenophile with a sense of humor: In *The Grapes Of Ralph* (\$35.00; Oct. 1996; 224 pages; ISBN 0-15-100245-2) the wicked cartoonist and illustrator offers a tour of the wine countries of the world and their leading denizens. Accompanying the narrative is Steadman's warped, witty art: Top-hatted Frenchmen inserting their sniffers into wineglasses; German grapes exploding in a heatwave--a perfect subject for Steadman's blotchy inkblot style; and in Australia, a portrait of a woman known as Long Flat Red, who dyed her wardrobe in her husband's vintage of 1894. Effervescent and not too dry. -- *Copyright ©1996, Kirkus Associates, LP. All rights reserved.*

About the Author

RALPH STEADMAN has illustrated many books, including Hunter S. Thompson's *Fear and Loathing in Las Vegas* and the fiftieth-anniversary edition of George Orwell's *Animal Farm*. He is the author of *The Grapes of Ralph* (for which he won a Glenfiddich Food & Drink Award), *Still Life with Bottle*, *The Book of Jones*, and *Gonzo: The Art*.

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