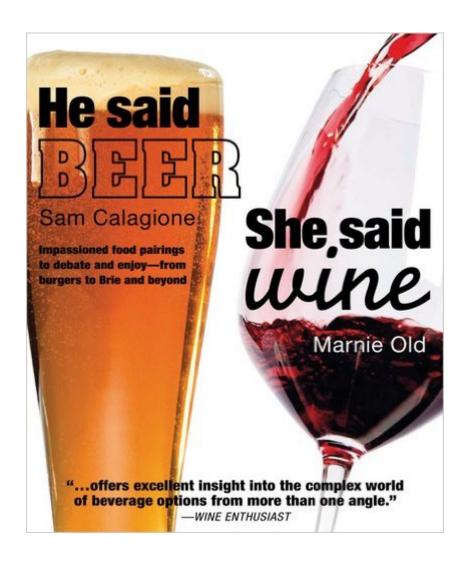
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He Said Beer, She Said Wine: Impassioned Food Pairings To Debate And Enjoy: From Burgers To Brie And Beyond





Synopsis

He Said Beer, She Said Wine is the first fully illustrated book on the market to give in-depth instruction on how to successfully pair both beer and wine with a wide variety of foods. Co-authored by Marnie Old, an esteemed sommelier, and Sam Calagione, owner of the renowned craft brewery DogFishHead He Said Beer, She Said Wine teaches you everything you need to know to get the best out of your beverages, with food or without. Each author divulges the secrets of their respective trades, using clear, easy-to-understand language-and, of course, a little good-natured banter to keep things lively. The book is full of fantastic tips and tricks, specific beer and wine recommendations, and interactive elements to help you identify your preferences along the way. So, from cheese to dessert, you'll always know what drinks to serve for sublime flavor combinations. Never ones to skimp on a bit of fun, Marnie and Sam also show you how to host your own at-home version of their sold-out He Said Beer, She Said Wine tasting events, where diners taste one beer and one wine selection with each dish, and then vote on their preferred pairing. He Said Beer, She Said Wine gives you easy-to-prepare dishes, complete with step-by-step recipes and sumptuous beverage selections.

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Customer Reviews

Well, I'm a beer guy, and my girlfriend's a wine person, but we both appreciate the other person's beverage of choice. So I was intrigued by the premise of this book, sort of a good natured battle of the sexes over wine and beer. The book starts off with a brief, accessible primer on beer and wine,

and how to taste and appreciate the various qualities of each beverage. I found this section pretty helpful and informative, and never felt like I was reading something "dumbed down" for my benefit. The main section of the book covers various food categories, like cheese, vegetables, fish, spicy foods, meats, and fruit desserts. Then for each food category, there's an intro on how to pair wine with this food item with specific wine pairings for food within the categroy. Then, there's an intro on beer pairings for the food category, with specific beer choices for the same food items within the category to contrast with the wine choices. Each food category ends with a wisecracking conclusion between Sam and Marnie about why they think either beer or wine is better for their particular pairings. I found this format and the content worked well, and helped to define the various strengths and weaknesses of each beverage in pairing with foods. Paring wine, instead of beer, with spicy foods seems like a losing battle, and some of the beer pairings with food traditionally served with wine seemed to be an awful stretch. There's a lot here I could use next time at a restaurant or serving food at home. Sometimes the witty banter between Sam and Marnie was entertaining, sometimes it just cames across as a tired Venus and Mars act. Part of the strength of the book is also a bit of its weakness.

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