

Letter to the Editor

Taming the screw

Dear Sir,

The last issue of Winegrower had an article by Tyson Stelzer, basically reviewing his own publication, 'Taming the Screw'.

In the article Tyson makes reference to an error of chemistry in the text, as noted by myself.

The reader may get the impression from Tyson's review that this one error would be my only concern regarding the chemistry in the book.

This is incorrect. I was so concerned with the basic errors of chemistry in the text, I wrote to Tyson and sent a list of faults to draw to his attention. Recent correspondence suggests we are now in agreement over these. He does partially address another of them in his review – namely the presence and significance of SO_3 in wine, where the original text states there is no SO_3 in wine. However, the bulk of the errors on the list I forwarded are left unmentioned in his critique.

I would prefer it was clearly understood that my concerns with the accuracy of the chemistry text are much greater than that implied in the article.

I look forward to a revised edition in due course, which readers may find of more assistance.

Yours sincerely
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