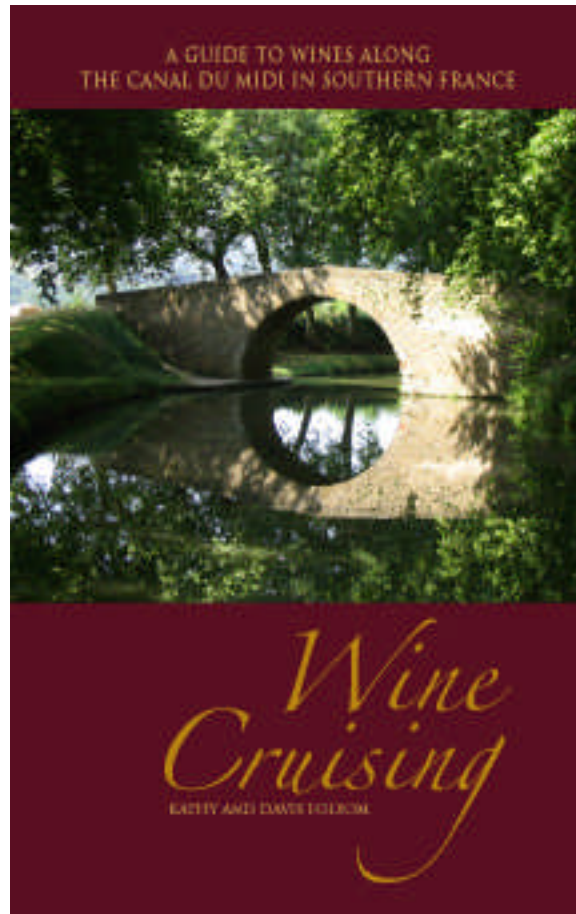


# WINE CRUISING

## A Guide to Wines Along the Canal du Midi in Southern France



Cruising the Canal du Midi in Southern France is a romantic escape, a journey into history, a gastronomic delight, an opportunity to move very slowly, and a wine-lover's paradise. This book grew out of our curiosity and love of wine. It was created to make the wine experience while cruising the Canal more meaningful and fun.

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**Thomas Jefferson (who cruised the Canal in 1787)**

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