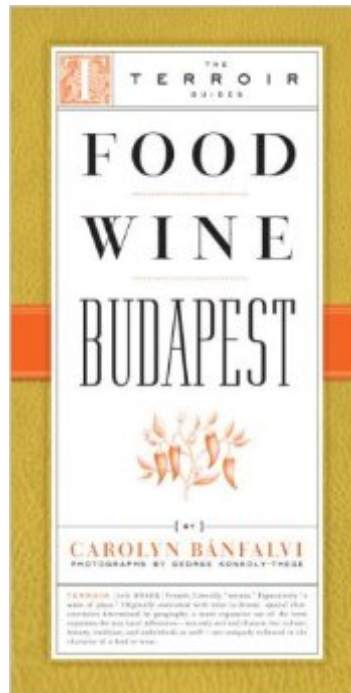


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# Food Wine Budapest (The Terroir Guides)



## Synopsis

Despite its vast repertoire, variety, and recipes bursting with flavor, Hungarian cuisine is one of the most underappreciated and unknown European cuisines. There are few Hungarian restaurants outside the country so those who are interested in discovering Hungarian cuisine (and any food lover should be!) must go to Hungary to sample everything firsthand, prepared with real Hungarian ingredients—now by a new generation of talented chefs and winemakers. Despite the fact that last year more foreign tourists visited the city than ever before (36.6 million), there are still no guidebooks written in English focusing on Budapest restaurants and Hungarian food. Carolyn Băjnalvi has written the first culinary guide to Budapest, *Food Wine Budapest*. This book is a practical guide that contains the vocabulary you'll need (one obstacle to discovering Hungarian food and wine is the difficult Magyar language); dozens of restaurant, café, and shop reviews; and descriptions of Hungarian dishes and wines. The Hungarian wine industry is young, dynamic, and relatively little known outside of the country, which makes sampling its wines deliciously adventurous. The book will ensure that readers have memorable eating and drinking experiences. Throughout *Food Wine Budapest* there are also sidebars providing local color and in-depth information.

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## Customer Reviews

I have been to Budapest many times and thought I knew most of the good eateries. This colorful guide book offers up some tempting new suggestions in city where you can find some of the best

fois gras and red wine in Europe. Having recently returned from Paris I can assure you that when it comes to value dining Budapest is hard to beat. Not only is the Hungarian fois better in most cases but it is a fraction of the price one often pays in Paris for smaller portions. For those who love red wines what's not to love about the beautiful vintages coming out of Villany. The author knows Hungarian food and you can feel the love for the country, its people and its cuisine as you leaf through this beautiful edition. Invaluable : Especially now that the dollar is so strong against the forint... Visit now and enjoy the real bargains this city offers up.

I travel a lot, and I travel, primarily, so that I can DINE. Accordingly, I've read a LOT of food-related guides, but never one quite as comprehensive, on-the-mark, and as readable as this one. When I first read the book (cover to cover, in preparation for a 2008 return visit to Budapest), I thought that the author must be some older, vastly-experienced travel writer, writing from a long experience with not only Budapest/Hungarian food and wine, but also coming from a broad background of food-writing all over Europe. I was (totally, joyfully) stunned to discover that the author was a young-ish resident of Budapest, and that this incredible guide was her first major published effort. Astonishing! I've read many, many food-related guides for places like Paris, London, Catalonia and elsewhere, and this book is the best one -- by far, bar none -- of all I've seen. I'm still suffering from a sort of happy disbelief at both the quality of the writing and the accuracy of the recommendations. Wow. Wow! The company that published this book should send the author on extended visits to other major cities, to parlay her perceptive skills and style into a series. In short, if you're headed to Budapest (or anywhere else in Hungary), this is a must-have book.

I purchased this book as soon as it was available. My husband and I were planning our first trip to Budapest. We read through the book before we left, marking all the restaurants we wanted to try while we were there. We slipped the book, already looking worn and ragged with yellow sticky tags hanging out from two sides, into our backpack as we headed to the airport. And that's where it stayed as we walked the streets of Budapest for 11 days, enjoying some of the wonderful restaurants, the great food and Hungarian wines that Banfalvi recommends in the book. Each time we were ready to eat, we pulled out the book, filled with information about where to get good coffee, sweet treats, wine, or a good Hungarian meal. Her food-related Hungarian-English and English-Hungarian dictionary was very helpful. Locator maps would have been useful, with numbers used to indicate locations of each place. We did discover, though, that Budapest is an easy city to navigate and it's not difficult to find what you're looking for. If you're planning a trip to Budapest,

you'll be glad you have this book in your backpack.

I have read this book cover to cover in preparation for an extensive trip to Budapest. It is extremely well written, with excellent information on the history of Hungarian food and drink and where to go to find them. The translation indexes for food and phrases are great and I am sure it will come in handy on the road. Hungary has an excellent wine culture and this book gives you enough info to feel confident ordering or picking up a couple of good bottles. The restaurant and cafe reviews seem honest and I have already planned a few must stops straight from the book. There is also excellent info on the famous Hungarian markets and if you still have time for anything else there are some excellent sounding day trips listed out of Budapest. Super happy with this book and would highly recommend it to anyone who loves good food and drink and is planning a trip to Hungary. I have also learned that there is a website [...] by the same author with updates of their latest restaurant picks.

Carolyn Banfalvi has poured her passion and knowledge of food and wine into this book. It is packed with information including essentials on getting around the city, a select list of further reading and websites, an outstanding culinary dictionary and a great primer on the delicious Hungarian wines. Even if you are not planning a trip to Budapest, it is worth reading for the information on soups, meats, dumplings, and palinka. The coffeehouses and sweets are documented to great detail. This book will not disappoint. It is a great investment on the rich food culture of Hungary.

Carolyn Banfalvi's book is like having a friend take you by the elbow (gently) and guide you through the maze of Budapest restaurants, markets, coffee houses and bars. I first checked out places I knew--accurate and without hyperbole. I also noticed that some bad spots were not mentioned at all. Brava! It is heavy to carry around--I'll just make a list of places I want to go. Excellent about the market halls. She captures the various spirits of the many places.

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