

Saving Our Skins

Building a Vineyard Dream in France

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'beautifully written ... in turn, it seduced and terrified me'
Samantha Brick

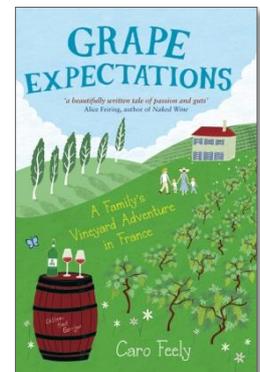
'could inspire you to ... move to the backwaters of France, and bet your life, all for the love of making wine' Alice Feiring, author of *Naked Wine*

Frost can be fatal to a fledgling wine business ... gorgeous glitter with a high price tag. On a winter's day it is beautiful, but on a spring day after bud burst it means devastation. For Seán and Caro Feely, a couple whose love affair with wine and France has taken them through financial and physical struggle to create their organic vineyard, it could spell the end. Until they receive an unexpected call that could save their skins ... This tale is about

life, love and taking risks, while transforming a piece of land into a flourishing vineyard and making a new life in France.

Potential feature angles/background information:

- The sequel to the popular *Grape Expectations*.
- The challenges of building a new business; one couple's account of the gritty reality of moving to France and running a vineyard.
- The challenges and joys of making wine. Sean and Caro Feely run the wine estate Château Feely in the Dordogne, an organic biodynamic vineyard.
- What is organic wine and why you should be asking what is in the non-organic wine you are drinking?
- The ups and downs of renovating a Château and its out-buildings with their character and eccentricity.
- Win half a case of Château Feely wine or a half-day's "Introduction to Wine" course (with a wine and food pairing lunch) at the chateau.
- Extracts/serialisation; Photos available; Author available for interview and to write feature articles.



Caro Feely is a certified wine educator and writes from the organic vineyard and wine school in France that she set up with her husband. She spent 15 years working as a business and IT consultant with multinationals such as IBM and Accenture before following her dream to make wine in France. Her first book, *Grape Expectations* covers the early days of the family's adventure. Caro lives with her husband Sean and their two children in Saussignac in the Dordogne region of France.

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