

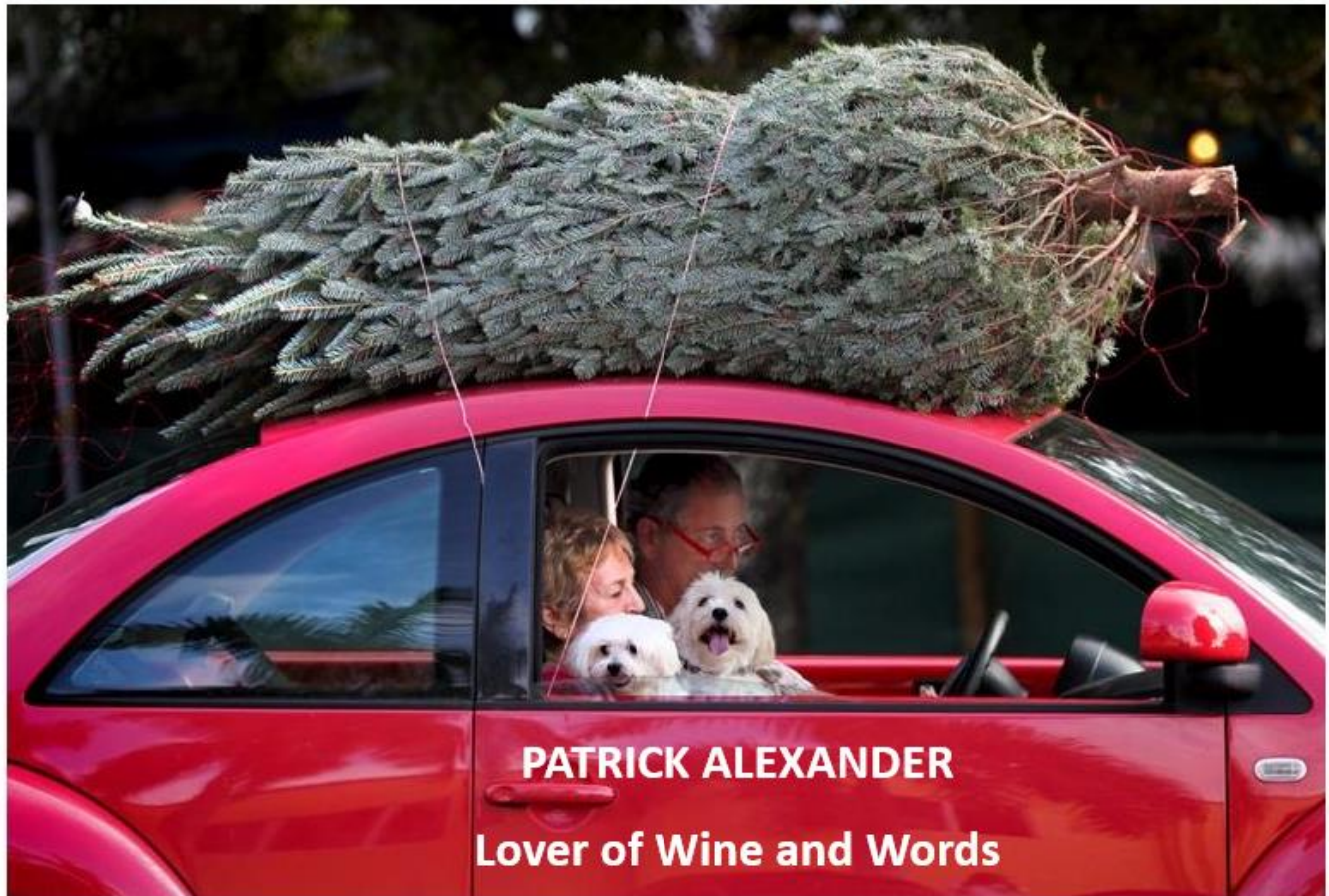
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Born in England, Patrick Alexander studied philosophy at Sussex University before joining *Price Waterhouse & Co.* as a chartered accountant in the City of London. He moved to France where he married and raised his children. After a decade as an international tax consultant based in Europe, Patrick and his family moved to America where he worked as international business director for two different software corporations and finally was hired as Director of Professional Advancement at the University of Miami.

WINE: Patrick moved to S.W. France in his early 20s and raised his family in the Bordeaux wine country of Perigord, the Piedmont wine country on the Swiss/ Italian border, and the wine country of northern California, before finally moving to South Florida - where there are no vineyards. As Director at the University of Miami he developed a popular wine appreciation program which was offered exclusively in the Faculty Lounge. For almost

twenty years, Patrick has offered the very popular six-week wine class at Books & Books and the Coral Gables Museum. Following the 2020 Covid pandemic, Patrick switched his in-person classes to Zoom – some of which can be seen on YouTube. *Wine In a Time of Cholera*.

WORDS: '*Marcel Proust's Search for Lost Time*' was published by Vintage Books in 2008 and was based on a yearlong course that Patrick had taught at the University of Miami. Another book which was based on a program he first developed at UM was '*The Booklover's Guide to Wine*'. His more recent book, '*A Dance to Lost Time*' is a study comparing the novels of Marcel Proust with the novels of Anthony Powell and was released in 2022, the centenary of Proust's death.

Patrick's most recent book is *BOOMER*, which tells the history of the baby boomer generation, while a previous book, '*Building Paradise*' tells the history of Miami and South Florida.

Patrick's fictional works include '*The Nigerian Letter*' and also the Greenhaven Trilogy – three novels set in South Florida - "*Death by Water*", "*Death on the Eighth*", and "*Dead Naked*".

Coral Gables Museum: In addition to his six-week wine classes, Patrick also offers occasional one-night introductory wine classes to reflect exhibits in the Museum. For example, an exhibit of rare historic Spanish maps of the exploration of Florida anchored a class on **Spanish sherry**. Other classes have focused on Coral Gable's Sister Cities, examining their history, culture and of course the local food and wines. Past classes include:

- "*Granada and the Wines of Spain*"
- "*Aix-en-Provence and the wines of the Rhone Valley*"
- "*Cartagena and the Spirits of Colombia*"
- "*Pisa and the Wines of Tuscany*"
- "*Quebec and the ice-wines of Canada*"
- "*Curitiba and the wines of Brazil*"

Historic Tours: Patrick offers historic tours of Coral Gables for the Coral Gables Museum and also tours of the historic Biltmore Hotel for Dade Heritage Trust.

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