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"A Glass Full of Miracles" is the long-awaited autobiography of Miljenko "Mike" Grgich, Napa Valley legend and Vintner Hall of Fame inductee. His story begins in 1923, with a little boy named Miljenko in an obscure village in Croatia called Desne. Miljenko survives World War II and the rise of Communism aided by determination, luck, relatives, friends, and a few miracles. In 1954, he seizes upon the first chance he gets to escape from behind the Iron Curtain. Shortly thereafter, he arrives to the New World in Halifax, Canada, in the dead of winter, contemplating a bleak future as a lumberjack. Twenty-two years later, Mike Grgich stands in the Napa Valley on top of the wine world. With characteristic determination-and another miracle-the immigrant winemaker with his trademark beret helps his adoptive country shock the French wine establishment at the 1976 Judgment of Paris by crafting the 1973 Chateau Montelena Chardonnay that won that landmark tasting. And by that point, the story is just getting underway. A Glass Full of Miracles is a memoir about the triumph of the underdog. Miljenko "Mike" Grgich's story of his search for freedom and the chance to fulfill his American Dream is intensely personal and told with his characteristic charm and passion. It contains Mike's personal angle on the major figures in the winemaking ferment of the Napa Valley, and an abundance of stories and lore. But it is more than just a good read: the text, in combination with more than 150 carefully chosen photos and maps, makes this book a moving meditation on the art of a life lived in the pursuit of making the perfect wine. "Mike Grgich may be small in stature, but he is a giant in the world of wine. His new book dramatically tells his full story, which is a great tale of a dream come true...The book also shows clearly that there are a lot more aspects to Mike's life than just Cabernet and Chardonnay. It's a great and fun read." George M. Taber, author of "Judgment of Paris"

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