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Etán Perez-Cruz, world-renown winemaker, excels in everything he puts his mind to, but self-expression. When an intoxicating woman crashes head first into his life, he finds a way to communicate his feelings through his wine bouquets. As knowing Zenna becomes his ultimate hedonistic pleasure, he fights to keep her safe, and to keep his all-consuming desire from destroying her happiness... and his brother. Etán will need more than his exceptional talent of taste and smell to overcome the dangerous obstacles set in their path.

Zenobia Rambling considers everything about herself utterly average. Leaving England to marry her boyfriend in South America, she finds herself dumped three short weeks after her arrival. Going home is not an option. Zenna is running from a visionary gift that has become her curse. Out of love, luck and money, Zenna turns to her famous Chilean neighbor for a temporary solution and finds far more in the deal than what she has bargained for.

## **The Winemaker Details**

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# From Reader Review The Winemaker for online ebook

Danielle-Claude Mba says

**It's a supernatural romance, it's a telenovela ...it's The Winemaker!**

**4.5 estrellas! (stars)**

**Hot ness factor: *It makes you beg for it and when it finally comes... Madre de dio!***

**I received a copy of The Winemaker in exchange of an honest review.**

I read the blurb this time! And without giving away too many spoilers it didn't prepare me for The Winemaker. First off I have to get this out of the way say: I love wine and I would move to a winery with my own winemaker if I could. I googled the Gallo family a few times!

The Winemaker started off as a regular contemporary romance with Zenobia being dumped by her Chilean boyfriend (hurrah for the international setting!) and the dashing Etan aka The Winemaker coming to the rescue. After that so many things happened I felt like I was reading several books. The surprising supernatural storyline and the dialogues...the dialogues! I like the fresh dialogues; the jargon sounded familiar to me but *foreign* at the same time. You see, I grew up in Central Africa and we are avid telenovelas watchers. I still watch a few of them in Spanish sometimes. Charmaine Pauls made brothers Etan and Luca's dialogues sound authentic!

***And just like that, I completely surrender to my new favorite telenovela .Pure delight and guilty pleasure!***

The will they, won't they...the pace of the story made you feel like you were watching several juicy episodes... Etan and Zenobia's torture looks, emotions, passion...*the love triangle*... you name it Charmaine Pauls brought it!

I recommend!

It will be available on amazon in a couple of week! Check out Charmaine Pauls' interview.

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## Gail says

Ugh. Think Harlequin Romance meets X Files.

Don't know what I was thinking, but this was not what I was anticipating.

After moving to Chile, a heroine with "gifts" (think Visions) , gets dumped by her fiancée. When the police knock on her door the next morning, regarding a stolen car, she finds herself befriended by her neighbors. These neighbors not only have gorgeous sons, but are also the owners of one of the oldest wineries in Chile, and ALSO have "gifts".

When mysterious people kidnap our heroine (whose name I can't remember-and I just put the book down two days ago, so that tells you something), because they want to use her Visions for their own nefarious purposes, The handsome wine making brothers must do all they can to save her, blah, blah, blah.

I couldn't finish it.

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## Lauren says

Zenna gives everything up for her fiance, which turns into a disaster. However her neighbor Etan rushes in and saves the day. I loved the emotional pulls from Etan and Luca, they kept you guessing about the ending. The only down fall I had with the story was the visions. Zenna was being followed by people who wanted to kidnap her, and have for years. What happened with it? I know the whole hotel scene but it seems like we left that part of the story out after half way. I know she was being trained, but why did everyone stop? Overall it was a great read that kept me wanting a glass of wine! Watch out the ending is a surprise :)  
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## Robin says

I was given the unedited version for an honest review.

Charmaine Pauls is a new author to me. Although I typically choose shape shifter or a variety of paranormal character filled romances I thought I would try something different for a change.

Despite finding typos, words missing or transposed, I found the overall story to be well written. I learned a

great deal about wine making and the proper way for tasting as well. As I am not a wine drinker it's nice to know. I found this story to hold drama, action, passion and love with a twist of paranormal. My emotion went up and down and I found myself wanting to smack Etan over the head many times for the apparent coldness in the way he treated Zenna. I liked Etan's brother better but since it has been a month since I have read the story and I didn't include his name in my notes I can't give you his name. However, I can tell you I enjoyed how he teased both Zenna and Etan. He is full of life and harbors a secret love that has made him shy away from commitment. But with all good romance books true love finds its way into the hearts of all.

I would love to learn more about this family and could easily see this book as the beginning of a damn good series.

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### **Cecile Grudzinski says**

Really enjoyed this book.

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### **Jill says**

I loved this book. The heroine was smart, sexy and independent. Zenna has just moved to Chile to be with her new fiance, Marcos only to find out he was leaving her for his new modeling agent. On her own and running from an unknown organization, Zenna needs to learn to trust her newly found friends. Rescued from an illegal purchase of car, she is indebted to her neighbors as they continue to help her navigate her new world. The neighbor, Ana Rosa recognizes Zenna's powerful gift of as a seer and is moved to keep her safe from those who would use her abilities for evil. Working as a PR agent for the neighbors son, Etan she begins finding a danger to her heart as well. Soon, I not only longed for a glass of Chilean Wine but the winemaker himself! Steamy, hard to put down, and well written - I would highly recommend The Winemaker.

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### **Nancy Pennick says**

Zenobia Rambling has been on the run for most of her life. A fresh start in Chile with her fiancée was just what she needed. To her dismay, everything falls apart when she arrives from England. She's left alone in a foreign country. At her lowest, she's befriended by the Perez-Cruz's, a wealthy family that owns a winery. Zenna meets Etan, the eldest son, and sparks fly. Only problem is their pasts stand in the way of their future. Etan is the winemaker and communicates best when he's discussing wine. Zenna can't think straight when she's around him. She also possesses a special gift, enabling her to see the past and future. That gift puts her in unforeseen danger and Etan will do anything to protect her.

The setting of the story, a winery in Chile, makes for an interesting backdrop. The Perez-Cruz family is one that anyone would love to be a part of and Zenna is a lucky girl to be taken in by them. You feel the caring and warmth of the parents, the brotherly love of Luca and the strong bond between Zenna and Etan, even though they are unaware at times.

The book is a romance but I enjoyed the bits of "paranormal". Everyone seemed to have a gift in the Perez-Cruz family. Zenna blends right in. As in all romances, there are many obstacles for the couple to overcome and you wonder if it will ever happen. Etan was a little too hot and cold with Zenna for my liking. It went on for a little too long. That's the only small criticism I have of the book. Otherwise, I loved reading about how

wine is made and tasted, the countryside of Chile and the lives of Zenna and the Perez-Cruz family. In fact, I would like more. I hope the author considers writing a sequel about this wonderful family. So pour yourself a glass of wine and sit back and enjoy the adventure.

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### **Tara Hall says**

“I’m telling you that you are stronger than you think. You’ve already pulled yourself up from the dust. Now you just have to march forward.”

“I wish it was that easy. I’m no brave warrior queen.”

“I sense quite the contrary,” he said, his gaze intent.

I did not intend to review this book, being far too busy to prior commitments. So when I opened up the first page to take a quick look due to piqued curiosity, it was a surprise to me that instead of closing up the PDF, I instead read it.

I enjoyed Ms. Pauls writing style, which was clear, direct, and easy to understand. I liked her feisty heroine Zenna, and the very sexy Etan.

A wonderful getaway for the cold months. I also enjoy all the facts on winemaking, especially as I myself enjoy Chilean wines as some of my all-time favorites.

Now longing for someone to tell me MY lips taste like toasted caramel and that I overwhelm them with my shampoo...sigh.

This book is filled with passion that takes your breath away, as the below passage shows in delectable detail:

He pulled his finger over her jaw, tracing the line to the soft skin under her ear. “I’m sorry, Zenna, but I just proved to you, showed you, you don’t love Marcos.” His green eyes were smoldering, his pupils huge. Her eyes widened in anger. “You kissed me ... like that ... to prove to me I don’t love Marcos?” she repeated in disbelief. “You son of a bitch.”

“You can call me whatever you want, Zenna, but I’ve just proven to you not only do you not love Marcos, but also that you need to get laid. Judging by your reaction, you want me. I don’t repulse you. You need someone, and, while you’re on the rebound, it might as well be me.”

Overall opinion: a "Strangely Delicious" surprise well worth indulging in! :)

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### **Ana Meyer says**

Im pretty sure the author knew me all to well before she sent this book to me. Wine? Yes Please! Sexy Winemaker? Yes Please! As romance books go this one is right on the money. Not too much steam but not to little. I enjoyed delving into the world of wine making and wine tasting. Not to sound silly but almost more fun for me than anything else. Let's talk about wine.... No don't worry I won't go into my true love in this

review. Romance lovers this book is for you :)

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