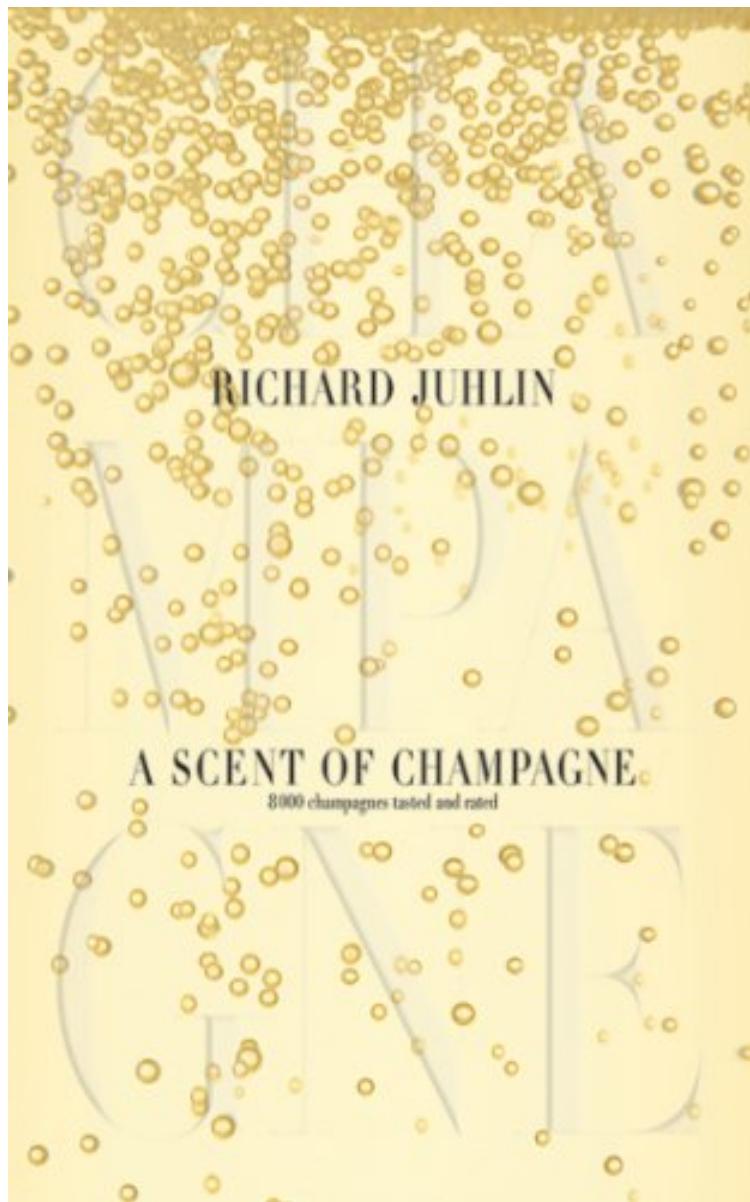


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19 of 20 people found the following review helpful. All scores, no tasting notes. By DaLI was hoping for a book and that would give me a new perspective and help with shopping at my local wine store. I was looking for reviews on "Grower Champagnes", but the book focuses instead on the name brand Champagne houses that receive

extensive tasting scores of each vintage going back over a 100 years. Most growers are listed, but with limited tasting scores compared to the Champagne houses. There are thousands of tasting scores in this book, but none have a tasting note, or a time frame for drinking. All of the major grower and houses non-vintage Champagne cuvees receive scores, but with two huge problems that make the reviews and book basically useless to me. First, there is no way of telling how recent the tasting scores are. Is the tasting and score 1, 10 or 20 years old? When the tasting score is given, was it from a cuvee that was 1 or 5 years old? There is no way of telling. Most non-vintage cuvees vary greatly in quality depending on the quality of the recent vintages in the blend, or the improvement, or decline in the overall quality of the producer. Second, there is no disgorgement date for the non-vintage cuvees. These dates, printed on the bottle, are the only way of telling if you are buying the same cuvee the author is tasting and scoring. American writers are starting not to review non-vintage cuvees without a disgorgement date. Both of these problems, coupled with no tasting notes gives the reader a snapshot (without knowing when) of the champagne, but with little perspective or usefulness. For the vintage cuvees, I have no idea why thousands of tasting notes going back a 100 years were included. Especially since the reader does not know when the Champagne was tasted. A current tasting score and future tasting score are given for each Champagne, but you don't know how many years in the future to wait before tasting the Champagne to enjoy it at its best quality. The book will give you the author's score on a vintage cuvee from 1985, but you will not know if the tasting score is from 1995, 2005 or 2013. I understand the author holds the world record for tasting the most Champagne, I just wished he would have shared some of that experience with his readers. 3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. Great book, but had shipping issues. By J MAINEThis is THE book on Champagne. Richard Juhlin is amazing and I was sorry to read that he believes that this will be his last book. As for shipping, has some serious boneheads working in the packing department. They left the heavy book loose in the box with minimal packing material. the box was unevenly weighted, so one fall and the book was damaged. While both times each book was damaged, the first book was unacceptable. The second book was damaged as well, but not to the point where it was worth demanding a replacement and shipping that one back. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Five Stars. By Customerone of the best books i have seen on champagne

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