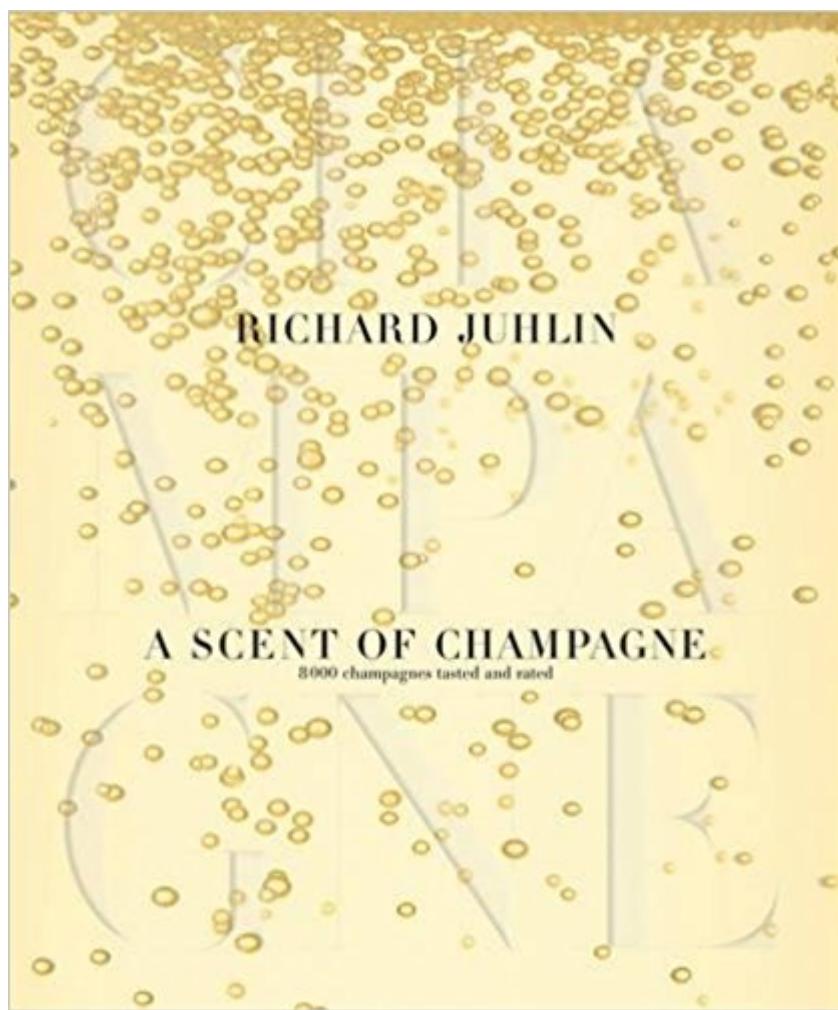


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# A Scent Of Champagne: 8,000 Champagnes Tested And Rated



## Synopsis

A luxury volume on the world's most elegant beverage--by world renowned champagne expert Richard Juhlin, with an introduction by Ÿdouard Cointreau In this beautiful and heavily illustrated volume-- the world's foremost champagne expert, Richard Juhlin takes the reader on a journey to the geographical area of Champagne and through the history of the beverage. With rich photography to accompany the text he explains how to arrange tastings, develop one's sense of smell, and why the setting where you drink champagne is important. He also includes personal anecdotes about his lifelong journey from teacher to connoisseur as well as a reference guide describing and ranking an incredible 8,000 champagne houses, types, and vintages. Sit back and enjoy Juhlin's graceful prose with a lovely glass of champagne, the beverage that has come to epitomize luxury and elegance. This is a must have edition for any serious collector and lover of champagne.

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"This book would slake any Champagne enthusiast's thirst for knowledge about the world's most wondrous bubbly." *France magazine*; Juhlin is legendary for his Olympian sniffer. *Forbes.com*; Best Cookbooks of 2013; *Saveur*; For any dedicated drinker of bubbly; or admirers of ambitious undertakings, or just anyone who's a big fan of statistics; this massive book is an indispensable resource. *Saveur.com*; Perhaps no one in the world is more

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Richard Juhlin is the world's number one champagne expert, most famous for his skills in blind taste testing. Since 1998 he has held the world record for most champagne ever tasted, having sampled more than 8,500 different varieties in his lifetime. In 2013 Juhlin was awarded the *Lafond d'honneur de France*, a high distinction reserved for those with flawless performance in their chosen trade. His additional awards include the Chevalier del Arc in 1997 and the *Maître Agricole* from the French Ministry of Agriculture in 2002, and in 2003 at the annual Spectacle du Monde tasting in Paris he correctly identified 43 out of 50 champagnes. Juhlin is also credited with arranging one of the greatest champagne tastings ever held, a 1999 Stockholm Millennium tasting event spotlighting 150 of the best champagnes ever made. Juhlin is the author of numerous books, including *The Great Tasting* and *3,000 Champagnes*, both of which received the prize for "Best Book on French Wines in the World" at the Gourmand World Cookbook Awards. A later release, *4,000 Champagnes*, received an important prize from Louis Roederer at Vinexpo in 2005. Juhlin currently works as a freelance journalist. He writes for *Spectacle du Monde*, *La Revue de Champagne*, *Wine International*, and *Fine Wine*, among others. He is also the creator of a 13-episode television series that will cover European drinks and restaurants for American and Chinese audiences. The author is highly sought for speaking engagements worldwide, runs the Richard Juhlin Champagne Club and the Richard Juhlin Champagne Bar, and arranges VIP trips to France's Champagne district. The founder and president of the Gourmand World Cookbook Awards, Edouard Cointreau was born into the families of Cointreau liqueur on his paternal side and Cognac's Frapin and Remy Martin on his maternal side. His family has had vineyards since 1270. He is

the president of Paris Cookbook Fair, president of the World Association of Food TV Producers, and president of Gourmand Magazine.

I 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 *Le Guide des Champagne*, 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.

This 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.

one of the best books i have seen on champagne

What a great book. It covers all Champagne region / all producers.

Ultimate champagne guide.

Gorgeous book!

Fantastic book !

Nice bookIt is valuable!This book record a lot of different champagne, it is easy for me to check them out.

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