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**Alan Tardi : Champagne, Uncorked: The House of Krug and the Timeless Allure of the World's Most Celebrated Drink** before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Champagne, Uncorked: The House of Krug and the Timeless Allure of the World's Most Celebrated Drink:

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The epitome of effervescence and centerpiece of celebration, Champagne has become a universal emblem of good fortune, and few can resist its sparkle. In Champagne, Uncorked, Alan Tardi journeys into the heartland of the world's most beloved wine. Anchored by the year he spent inside the prestigious and secretive Krug winery in Reims, the story follows the creation of the superlative Krug Grande Cuvee; Tardi also investigates the evocative history, quirky origins, and cultural significance of Champagne. He reveals how it became the essential celebratory toast (merci Napoleon Bonaparte!), and introduces a cast of colorful characters, including Eugene Mercier, who in 1889 transported his "Cathedral of Champagne," the largest wine cask in the world, to Paris by a team of white horses and oxen, and Joseph Krug, the reserved son of a German butcher who wound up in France, fell head over heels for Champagne, and risked everything to start up his own eponymous house. In the vineyards of Champagne, Tardi discovers how finicky grapes in an unstable climate can lead to a nerve-racking season for growers and winemakers alike. And he ventures deep into the caves, where the delicate and painstaking alchemy of blending takes place—all of which culminates in the glass we raise to toast life's finer moments.

“Knowledgeable and meticulously researched...[Tardi] takes the reader through the whole process, from picking and pressing the grapes—the vendange—through the storing, tasting and blending of the wine to its bottling and aging...A colorful history of Champagne.” —Moirra Hodgson, Wall Street Journal  
“Sparkles with information about the beverage of celebration and specifically the making of Krug Grande Cuvee, a great Champagne from arguably the greatest producer. History, harvesting, tasting, blending, marketing, presented with easy going style. You'll want to make a pilgrimage to Le Mesnil-sur-Oger.” —Peter Gianotti, Newsday  
“In Tardi's fabulous new book, he explains the history of the Champagne region and why the land produces the grapes it does...while weaving together a rich cultural overview of the sparkling elixir's wild rise to becoming the world's symbol of celebration. When people try [Krug] for the first time, they talk about it effusively like love-struck Romeos. Don't believe me? Try it for yourself. But first read Tardi's book.” —San Antonio Express-News  
“A book as effervescent and fascinating as the product it describes. Readers gain insight into a world as complex as the blending of a fine bottle of Champagne.” —Galveston County Daily News

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