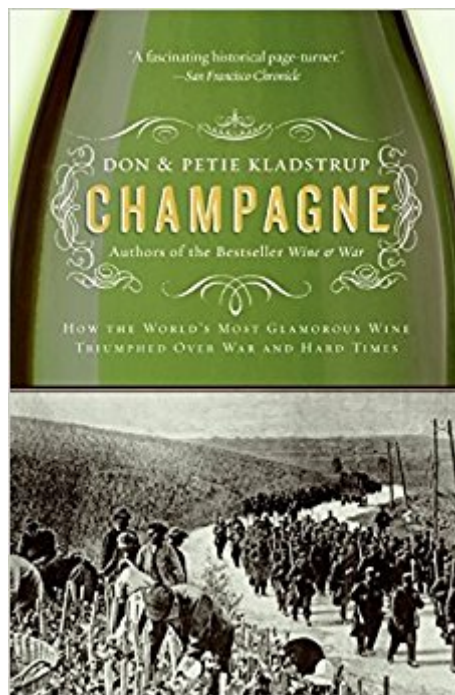




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Champagne: How The World's Most Glamorous Wine Triumphed Over War And Hard Times



Synopsis

Throughout history, waves of invaders have coveted the northeast corner of France: Attila the Hun in the fifth century, the English in the Hundred Years War, the Prussians in the nineteenth century. Yet this region – which historians say has suffered more battles and wars than any other place on earth – is also the birthplace of one thing the entire world equates with good times, friendship and celebration: champagne. Champagne is the story of the world's favourite wine. It tells how a sparkling beverage that became the toast of society during the Belle Epoque emerged after World War I as a global icon of fine taste and good living. The book celebrates the gutsy, larger-than-life characters whose proud determination nurtured and preserved the land and its grapes throughout centuries of conflict.

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Customer Reviews

“Compelling” a lovingly written ode to this incomparable, festive wine. (New York Newsday on Champagne)

Don and Petie Kladstrup are former journalists who have written extensively about wine and France for numerous publications. Don, a winner of three Emmys and numerous other awards, was a foreign correspondent for ABC and CBS television news. Petie, an Overseas Press Club winner, was a newspaper journalist and more recently protocol officer for the U.S. ambassador to UNESCO. The Kladstrups divide their time between Paris and Normandy. Don and Petie Kladstrup are former journalists who have written extensively about wine and France for numerous publications. Don, a

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As with their previous books on how history and the horrific wars have taken their toll on France and its prized wine commodities, the Kladstrup's "Champagne" further educates us on the struggles of the champagnois vintners as champagne itself evolved, and ultimately the toil of the land area that was the center of WWI battles. Having visited the area to enjoy and for historical discovery, I wished I had read it sooner! Highly recommend this book!!

Really enjoyable and informative. Provided insight and new details about the region, wine, and politics of Champagne. Especially liked the information on many of the well known champagne houses and their roles during the wars. My wife is now reading it -- and we bought 2 champagnes we haven't had before for part of our Christmas gift this year.

Very interesting story for anyone who wishes to understand less well known stories about WWI

I love this book so much, so many little stories affecting one small area that produces my favorite drink in the world. The book is written so well, the time line is perfect and I finished the entire book in three days. A MUST for any champagne lover, perfect for anyone about to visit the region.

Entertaining and interesting. I have a newfound respect for champagne- knowing what it takes to work the land, grow the grapes and bring it to market.

Interesting back story on champagne. Oh, excuse me, Champagne. It shows that in the end, everything seems to come down to marketing. If you're interested in this subject, I also recommend the book on the Widow Clicquot.

Gave this as a gift to a history and wine lover. He loves it!

Excellent read, made me put France on the bucket list

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