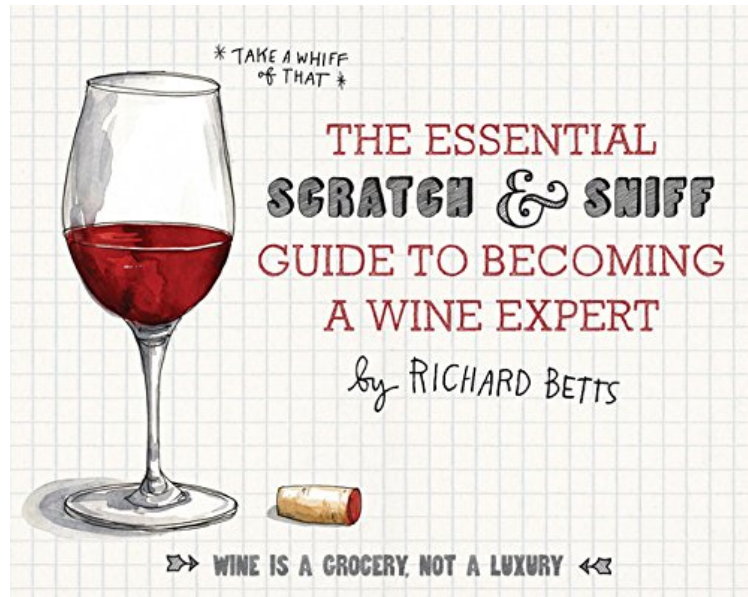


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before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Essential Scratch and Sniff Guide to Becoming a Wine Expert: Take a Whiff of That:

89 of 93 people found the following review helpful. I wasn't sure what to expect, but this is awesome. By Vino Rookie A scratch and sniff guide to wine? Really? It seemed like a silly concept at first. Then I thought about how many times I have heard other drinkers talking about what they smell in their glasses while I felt a little left out. This book instantly made me smarter about wine. From identifying the range of fruits in the nose to understanding more about how the wood barrels and the dirt affect the scent, I learned so much. In the back is a fold out map to understand the smells of the entire wine world. You start in the middle and "sniff" your way out to the edge learning how to identify the types of wine you like most. I love this book. Keeping it close by as I open more bottles and definitely picking up copies for friends. Highly recommend. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. This book is a delight! It has lovely illustrations. By Peggy This book is a delight! It has lovely illustrations, the scents are cool, and it does a good job of presenting basic facts about wine to help readers understand the wine jargon you hear all the time but never understand. The best part, however, is the foldout "map of the wine world." It separates wines out into categories like type of fruit, oakiness, earthiness, etc. If you know one wine you really like, you can use this map to find others you might like and to learn some of the terminology of why you like that wine, for help in picking out similar wines. Great resource! 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Worthless Gimmick By Michael W Don't waste your time on this book. It is a cute, elementary introduction to some basic odors used to describe wine. It is very limited and only a few pages long. There are about 15 scratch and sniff spots. Most of them produced no

odor at all--even the one that is supposed to be bacon. All I could smell was the cardboard smell of the book. Because the book is written by a master sommelier I expected a bit more subtle exploration of the varieties of aromas found in wines. Instead, the book contains only the most basic smells like flowers, fruit, wood, grass, dirt. The examples do not produce enough odor to even enjoy that introduction. I would have preferred a simple list of smells to sample and a more detailed description of how to learn about wine. The scratch and sniff idea is just a gimmick and adds no value at all.

Richard Betts is one of fewer than two hundred master sommeliers in the world, but he's no wine snob and he hates wine-speak. In the first book of its kind, he helps readers scratch and sniff their way to expertise by introducing the basic components of wine--the fruits, the wood, the earth--enabling anyone to discover the difference between a Syrah and a Sangiovese and get the glass they love every time. Humorously illustrated, with 16 scents, this irresistible gift puts the fun back in wine fundamentals.

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