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### Rive Sud Interior Scented Candles

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Even though there hardly goes a day by without me wearing perfume, I hardly ever use home scents. This is, most likely, tightly connected to the fact that my biggest reference to scented candles used to be the wall of cheapo vanilla-induced headache one hits when entering the floral department at IKEA (I've no idea why the scented candles are kept with the flowers, but they are). Still, a lot of very well regarded perfume brands do home scents, so I've been thinking I really should give it a chance.

Enter the French company Rive Sud Interior. Out of the blue I got a mail asking if I'd like to try their scented candles. Of course I wanted to!

Rive Sud Interior have a line of 4 candles, all scented by perfumer Delphine Thierry, who has also created perfumes for Lubin and Madja Bekkali. I've tried two scents so far, Via Della Basilica and Acqua di Latte. Via della Basilica smells of black pepper and dry, woody incense. Rive Sud Interior describe their scented candles as the following:

Head : black pepper

Heart : myrrh

Soul : incense



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I find the Head/Heart/Soul description intriguing compared to the way perfumes usually are described, in top/heart/base notes. Black pepper is indeed the first thing you smell when standing close to the burning candle. It's warm, spicy and assertive. As I keep breathing in, cedar and cypresses comes to mind and underlying incense gets more and more prominent. After a while the pepper no longer stands out, it's all integrated into a woody, dry incense blend. There is something very homey, grounding and down to earth about it.

Acqua di Latte is a green floral described by:

Head : star anise

Heart : angelica

Soul : white musks

It's smells pleasantly green from the anise and angelica. As I'm anosmic to some musks, I unfortunately can't smell the "soul" of this candle, but the head and heart are very promising! This is a fresh scent, which I mean in the very best way, I don't get anything synthetic from it, just lovely leaves and greens.

In all, my home scent experience was a very positive one. My husband commented that "we really should burn more candles" and I now know for sure that there are some very good options for scented candles out there 😊