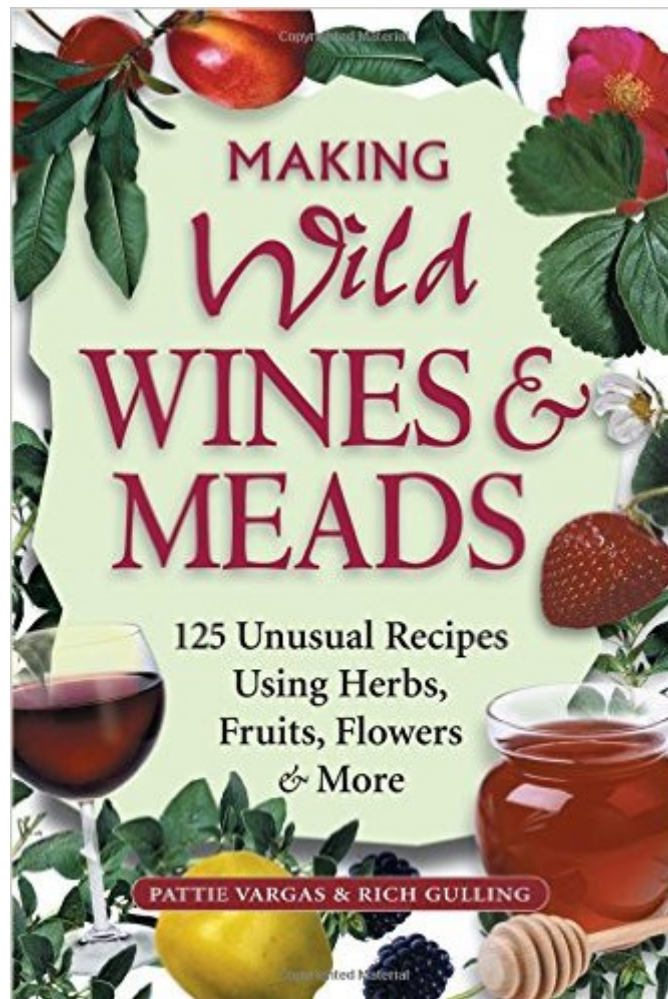


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# Making Wild Wines & Meads: 125 Unusual Recipes Using Herbs, Fruits, Flowers & More



## Synopsis

Make extraordinary homemade wines from everything but grapes! In this refreshingly unique take on winemaking, Patti Vargas and Rich Gulling offer 125 recipes for unusual wines made from herbs, fruits, flowers, and honey. Learn to use ingredients from your farmersâ™ market, grocery store, or even your own backyard to make deliciously fermented drinks. Lemon-Thyme Metheglin, Rose Hip Melomel, and Pineapple-Orange Delight are just the beginning of an unexplored world of delightfully natural wild wines. Cheers!

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I'm going to break my review of this book into two components, the instructions (which gets a 3) and the recipe section (which gets a 5).  
Instructions: Simple and straightforward, this would be a great book for someone starting out in the hobby (though probably not as a first and only book on the subject). As far as the instructions are concerned I would recommend this to anyone who has read a more detailed book on home brewing and maybe felt a little overwhelmed, but who isn't ready to give up on it. The directions are stolid, basic, "tried and true" instructions with a few procedural options thrown in, but not enough to overwhelm (and believe me, brewing can get AWFULLY overwhelming). If you're old hat at home brewing don't expect any mystical revelations, but it is probably worth taking a skim-through to get a feel for the author's intentions. The section on sterilization was unexpectedly thin. Considering all the items they recommend you get from a brew supply already, household bleach should not be the focus of the sterilization section.  
Recipes: This is

where for me this book shines. The recipes take up about 2/3 of the book and range everywhere from the tried and true classics (grape, peach, strawberry, honey) to the really outré (beet wine anyone? how about snap pea? or crabapple?). For an experienced brewer with a few books under their belt there might not be so many forays into the "wild" as the title might suggest, but the recipe list would look pretty out-there to someone primarily used to grape table wines. There are variations of most of the wines to account for different tastes without filling half the book with tiny alterations of the same recipe.

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