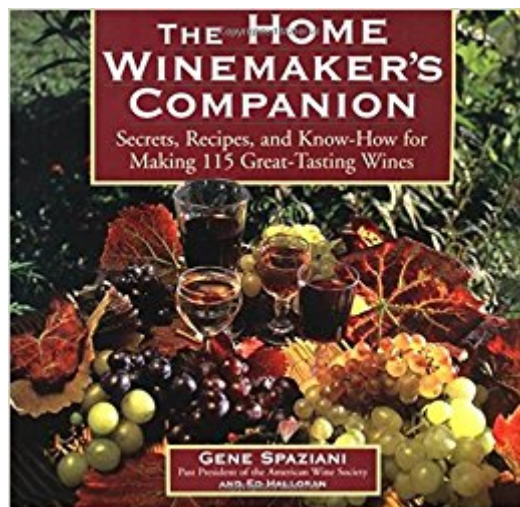




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The Home Winemaker's Companion: Secrets, Recipes, And Know-How For Making 115 Great-Tasting Wines



Synopsis

Raise a glass of homemade burgundy and enjoy the fruits of your labor. This informative guide provides an overview of the entire home winemaking process, from the vine (or the boxed kit) to your glass. With more than 100 recipes for a wide range of delicious wines, ports, and champagnes, you're sure to find a wine to suit your taste. Clear diagrams for setting up your equipment and fail-safe instructions ensure that your home winemaking will be a success.

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Few pleasures are more gratifying than pouring a glass of fine wine, admiring its clarity and color, savoring its rich bouquet, raising it to your lips, and knowing that you made it yourself. With this complete guide to home winemaking, such pleasures can be yours with little fuss and lots of fun. The Home Winemaker's Companion will guide you as you progress from making your very first batch of kit wine to mastering advanced techniques for making wine from fresh grapes. Included are Gene Spaziani's tried-and-true recipes for 115 delectable wines -- even port and champagne! Making consistently great wine at home is easy; the hardest part is being patient while your wine ages!

Author Ed Halloran is a freelance writer, a radio and television commentator, and a college marketing professor. Author Gene Spaziani has been a home winemaker for over 40 years. He shares his knowledge by teaching wine courses in New Haven and Bridgeport, Connecticut. He is a charter member of the Society of Wine Educators, president of Amenti del Vino-The Wine Society,

and a past president of the American Wine Society. Together with Ed Halloran, Gene has co-written the Storey book, *The Home Winemaker's Companion*. Their book is a complete guide for the beginning or advanced winemaker, with instructions for using concentrates, kits, juices, fruits and herbs to create a wide variety of homemade wines. In addition, Gene is a writer for *New England Wine Gazette*, *WineMaker Magazine*, and the *American Wine Society Journal*. At the sixth annual Connecticut Amateur Home Winemakers Competition, Gene took home the show's highest award. He won Best of Show for his 1996 Cabernet Franc, as well as gold, silver, and bronze medals for other entries. He has also won gold medals for his entries in the American Wine Society Amateur Competition, the Indiana State Fair Amateur Wine Competition, the Connecticut Amateur Wine Competition, and the Pittsburgh Amateur Wine Competition. Gene lives in Connecticut with his wife, Isabel. He has four children and five grandchildren.

This book is turning out to be a great resource for me. I have already learned a lot about the misc things I need in order to start making wine. I've even bought most of the stuff I need. I've already made a batch of grape juice wine. The grape juice wine does need to age a bit longer, however it does taste a lot better now than when I first tasted it. I presently have a huge batch of banana wine in the primary fermentation bucket. All these things I didn't know about until I began reading this book. I think it's a great book for the beginner...which I am! Thanks

This might be fine for beginners, but it will probably be a bit of a disappointment for anybody who wishes to move beyond that point. Frankly, I was expecting more. Back when I first started brewing beer, I bought a book by Charlie Papazian, called "*The Complete Joy of Home Brewing*", which ended up really being the only book that I ever needed to go from a beginner to an advanced brewer. By the time I was done with that book, I pretty much knew everything that I needed to know about advanced all-grain brewing right down to the fundamentals of brew chemistry and trouble-shooting. For some reason, I assumed that this book would do the same for me with wine. I got that impression, because the book's description said that it would teach us how to make wine at all stages from kits to whole fruits. However, I found that it didn't really teach much of anything, especially from a chemistry standpoint. It read like a children's cookbook, introducing the reader to some basic wine equipment, glossing over a few fermentation fundamentals, and then jumping straight into the most basic recipes. The saddest part is that I found this book to be incredibly boring. Each chapter on making wine with different bases had almost the same exact repetition, going through each recipe step by step, over and over again. While that isn't necessarily a bad thing, it

definitely isn't for anybody who wants to move beyond the basics. All of that time spent on repetition would have been better spent on something that added value. The bottom line is that this book seems to be more geared towards beginners. It would be fine for somebody who is just looking to get his or her feet wet and nothing more. If you want to learn anything beyond that, you really should consider shopping around for something a bit more comprehensive.

much better than wine for dummies IMHO--has actual useful recipes and tips

Nice instructions for a beginner!!!! I made my first gallon and all is going well.

Great for beginner's like me. I started my Apple wine. I hope it tastes as good as it smells.

Not as easy to follow as I thought it would be. Just took a wine making class and I was hoping this would be as thorough as the class was and as orderly in presentation but I had a little difficulty as did my husband. It does have some good ideas though for making some specialty wines.

A perfect book for people that don't have time for useless page filling dribble. This book will make the novice a pro and the pro an all-star.

Loaded with a lot of information. I have added this book to my collection of wine and beer making. Great for reference.

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