

THE BEVERAGE PEOPLE

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“Old Bogskimmer” Cranberry Mead - 5 gallons

15 lbs. Cranberries
1 lb. Raisins
12 lbs. Honey (light and delicate)
5 gallons Water
2 oz. “Beverage People” Yeast Nutrient for Meads
2 1/2 tsp. Pectic Enzyme
5 tsp. stock Sodium Metabisulfite solution (after fermentation)
5-10 grams “Prise de Mousse” Wine Yeast

Original Brix: 20

Total Acid: 5-6.5%

1. Put Cranberries in a straining bag, and smash them with a rolling pin. Chop the Raisins, adding them as well, placing the bag in a open fermentor.
2. Stir Honey into at least 2 1/2 gallons Water. Heat to boiling. Remove from heat, cool, and pour into the fermentor.
3. Add the remaining Water and other ingredients except Sodium Metabisulfite and Yeast, mixing well.
4. Test sugar and acid levels of the must. Raise if necessary. Slightly higher is okay.
5. Add Sodium Bisulfite stock solution, and mix well.
6. When must temperature of the must nears room temperature, add yeast to the surface. In 10 or 12 hours, stir it in.
7. Once fermentation begins, stir or push the pulp down into the liquid twice a day.
8. After five days, strain and press the pulp. Funnel the fermenting mead into closed fermentors, filling them no more than 80% full, and affix a fermentation lock to each. Allow fermentation to finish.
9. When bubbles can no longer be seen rising through the mead, rack away from the settlings into an open container. Fine with Sparkolloid, add a teaspoon per gallon stock sulfite solution. Siphon into a storage container, top up, and let set for four weeks.
10. Rack away from the settlings, top up again, and let stand for two or three months.

11. Carefully rack the into an open container, add 1 1/2 teaspoons stock Metabisulfite solution per gallon. Sweeten with Sugar Syrup, if desired, adding also 1/2 teaspoon Wine Stabilizer per gallon.
12. Siphon into bottles, cap, and set them aside to age for at least six months.

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