

From Nancy Vineyard:

### TIRED OF BOTTLING

# KEG YOUR WINE! By Joseph Hanson-Hirt

You've probably heard of kegerators and keezers, but what about winerators and weezers? Why do brewers get to have all the fun? All joking aside, there is a bit of truth to these questions. If beer can be kegged, why not wine? Every year, more and more wineries and

> restaurants are seeing the benefits of kegging their wines and serving them on draft systems. Either served "still" or "carbonated/sparkling", draft wine is available for a minimal investment.

> "Draft wine" is wine that has been kegged and then served from the tap instead of the bottle. There are a



few benefits to choosing draft wine over bottling. First, it saves a lot of time. Instead of filling many bottles, you just fill a keg. Second, I rarely finish a bottle of wine in one sitting so I like that I can pour myself how much wine I

want to drink. Third, one of my favorite things about draft wine is that it allows you to easily make various wine blends without committing all the wine to the cause. With draft wine I can blend in a pitcher or in the glass itself. And finally, you don't have to give up bottling entirely. Unless the wine is carbonated, you can quickly fill a wine bottle right off of the tap and use a corker to pop in a cork. This way you can still take bottles with you or share them with friends.

#### **Draft Equipment**

There isn't a whole lot of equipment necessary to set up a basic draft system. I like to split draft systems into two sides: the gas side and the beverage side. Here at *The Beverage People*, we have everything you need to set up a Carbon Dioxide  $(CO_2)$  draft system. For gasses other than  $CO_2$  check in with your local gas company.

On the gas side you will need:

- Gas tank (Argon, Nitrogen, or Carbon Dioxide)
- Regulator (gas specific; be sure to get the proper regulator for your tank)
- Gas line (vinyl or silicone)
- Gas disconnect (stainless steel to prevent corrosion from sulfite and acid in the wine)
- On the beverage side you will need:
- Keg (typically a 5 gallon stainless steel Cornelius keg)
- Beverage disconnect (stainless steel)
- Beverage line (vinyl or silicone)
- Tap/faucet (stainless steel)

#### Which Gas for What?

The bulk of the investment in a draft wine system will be the gas tank and regulator. The most important factor to consider when choosing

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### MY PART TIME JOB

By Bob Peak

When I first started in 1980, managing Great Fermentations in Santa Rosa, it seemed that all the customers were older than me and certainly wiser. I received a lot of advice as I scrambled to fill in the gaps in my wine knowledge. I had roughly five years of winemaking under my belt – albeit some of that was with a commercial winery - but there was still a lot to learn. Those early days were always full of conversations. It's why, when you visit us, we ask you questions. Our questions tend to pull out the information we need to give you both advice and necessary equipment even if that means we can't sell you anything.

It's been a real boon to our customer service that Bob Peak became our retail point-man. His background in chemistry and laboratories, his home winemaking and grape growing and his "moonlighting" elevate our staff to supply that same service.

After I read his article for this year's newsletter, I was moved to write this introduction. We will not have Bob here forever, or me for that matter. (He and I are, surprisingly, getting older) He is always generous with sharing his knowledge, gauging his audience for the appropriateness of how "scientific" he can be. So here's how an "old guy" keeps current with his fermentation hobbies.

We have a "moonlighting" rule at **The Beverage People**, but it's very liberal. Because we want every store associate to learn and experience as much as possible in the wonderful world of fermentation, they are welcome to take on temporary and part-time assignments that relate to that world (as long as they don't compete directly with us!). Associates have taught private classes, conducted brewery tours, and organized fermentation festivals. My part-time job is writing the "Techniques" column for **WineMaker Magazine**.

As noted elsewhere in this newsletter, I began my association with this nationally-distributed magazine for home

winemakers in 2008 by speaking at their first annual conference. This year in Portland, Nancy and I had productive and educational interactions with others in the home winemaking industry. Since the conference will be right here in Sonoma County in 2016, local home winemakers will have the same kind of access to knowledge and information without high travel expenses.

In particular, Nancy had some time to talk with Peter DeVivi, inventor and producer of **Winestix™** carboy oak addition products, shown right. Along with the roundtable discussion on oak that she provided to conference attendees, she was impressed with the aroma and design of the **Winestix™** oak products. The personal

connection with DeVivi gave us the confidence to bring in these exciting new products (see page 20) after several years without having a good carboy oak stick product to offer. Everyone who has been looking for a really good carboy oak addition product will now

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have more choices than ever.

The sticks are milled in a pattern that exposes a small amount of end grain for relatively rapid extraction and a larger amount of long grain for smooth character. The sticks are made in four different toast levels (light, medium, medium plus, and dark). As toasting of oak progresses through more exposure to heat, the flavor and aroma influence on wine also progresses. Lighter toasting emphasizes fresh oak notes and provides structure and body to the wine. As toasting gets darker, it progresses through flavors and aromas like caramel, vanilla, toffee, and coffee.

At dark toasting levels, expect characteristics of toasted oak, dark coffee, and a slight impression of sweetness from the caramelized wood. All four levels are made from two different sources of wood: New York State North American white oak (Quercus alba) and Allier French oak (Quercus robur and Quercus petraea). Both sources deliver lovely oak notes for your wine, but they differ in profile. American oak tends toward fruitiness with notes often described as coconut or honey. French oak is a bit more on the spicy side, with aromas reminiscent of cloves and cinnamon. At a use rate of just one stick per carboy and complete extraction expected in just four to six weeks, these products offer a diverse new palette of flavors for home winemakers.

At the same conference, I had time to talk with Dr. Richard Sportsman, founder and owner of Vinmetrica. Dr. Sportsman even attended my talk on Advanced Home Wine Lab Techniques and helped out with the Q&A afterwards. He provided me some data and additional research information that convinced me that we wanted to become a Vinmetrica dealer. The products available now are very exciting for home winemakers (see p. 21). Maintaining proper sulfite levels in your wine is critical to producing a sound, flavorful, non-oxidized finished beverage. Home winemakers have largely come to that understanding, but doing the testing to verify the levels of sulfite has sometimes proved a burden. Both the Vinmetrica SC-100A and the SC-300 offer rapid, reliable measurement of free SO2. The SC-300 has the further convenience of a built-in pH meter and can be used to measure pH and TA (titratable acidity). Dr. Sportsman has recently extended the use of the meters with the SC-50 accessory kit that allows measurement of malic



acid to verify completion of malolactic fermentation. As much as I appreciated learning about the current level of **Vinmetrica** technology at the conference,

I was even more excited by the further possibilities that can be derived from the same basic platform Dr. Sportsman has already put together. Next up he is planning a dissolved oxygen probe that will be of use for monitoring the presence of oxygen in wine during aging and at bottling, helping to protect against oxidation spoilage. (Home brewers will be able to use that probe to check fresh beer wort for adequate oxygenation when pitching yeast!) Since the meter can fundamentally use any millivolt or amperometric analytical process, Dr. Sportsman and I talked over various possibilities for additional specialty probes in the future - stay tuned.

Besides my conference involvement, editor Betsy Parks has asked me to write an occasional feature article for the magazine. After a few of those, she gave me the opportunity to take over as the *Techniques* columnist.

The other magazine columnists are also very helpful whenever I am stumped in their particular disciplines. Tim Vandergrift knows everything about kit wines and freely shares his knowledge. Alison Crowe is The Wine Wizard and she really is—along with being a successful commercial winemaker in Napa. She is always gracious with advice and information. Chik Brenneman is the head of experimental winemaking at UC Davis and is a great resource when it comes to setting up a trial project. Wes Hagen is a long-time vineyard manager and is always helpful with vineyard questions and the grape-growing impact on winemaking. Assistant editor Dawson Raspuzzi came on board about the time I started writing the column. He has been unfailingly helpful ever since, supporting me in my writing but even helping me hose off the wine equipment after a bootcamp session!

As you can see, even though I call it my part-time job, what I really have is a continuous learning opportunity. I feel like I am in a fellowship of men and women who are passionate about wine, knowledgeable about how it is made, and generous in sharing that knowledge with home winemakers. Their work encourages me to bring that same generosity of spirit to you, readers of this newsletter and friends of The Beverage **People**. So come on in or give me a call next time you have a puzzling question or just a burning curiosity about your homemade wine (or beer, or cheese, or mead...) after all, it's my day job!

## NEW for 2015

#### *WineStix*<sup>TM</sup>

Finally, a really good Carboy Stick is available. These smell and taste like the good old ones we used to have made by Innerstave, but they are sourced from a new company in New York. There are 4 toast levels with two oak sources, American or French. Use 1 stick per carboy. Packaged 2 sticks per bag. B91 **American Light**, B92 **American Medium**, or B93 **American Medium Plus** \$8.99 and B94 **American Dark** \$10.99. B95 **French Light**, B96 **French Medium**, or B97 **French Medium Plus** \$9.99 and B98 **French Dark** \$11.99

#### Vinmetrica Wine Analysis Test Equipment

TE164 VINMETRICA SC-300 -Combination TA Titration, Free and Total *SO*<sub>2</sub>, and *pH Tester* - The Vinmetrica SC-300 analyzer gives accurate SO<sub>2</sub>, pH and TA values. Kit includes everything to perform ~50 sulfite tests & 30 TA tests: SC-300 meter, SO<sub>2</sub> and pH electrodes, all reagents, transfer and sampling pipettes, syringes and two titration beakers \$399.99 **TE162 VINMETRICA SC-100A** - Sulfite Tester - The Vinmetrica SC-100A analyzer gives accurate SO<sub>2</sub>. Kit includes everything to perform ~50 sulfite tests. SC-100A meter, S0, electrode, all reagents, sampling and transfer pipettes, syringe and titration beaker \$269.99

**TE161 VINMETRICA SC-50** - Malic Acid MLF Tester (SC-50 Kit is an addon kit to either of the two kits above.) The SC-50 analyzer gives reliable malic acid concentrations to determine MLF completion. Kit includes everything to perform 5 Malic Acid tests: the reagent set, 5 reaction vials, check solution, beaker, pipettes and conical tube. \$139.99 a gas is deciding whether or not you want your wine sparkling. For still wines, argon or nitrogen are better choices, as they are much less soluble into the wine than  $CO_2$ . Unfortunately,  $CO_2$  will always carbonate the wine at least a little, even at room temperature. For sparkling wines,  $CO_2$  is the right approach.

If you want the ability to do both still and sparkling wines but only want to own one gas, I would recommend  $CO_2$ . It's simple, not too expensive, and works well for still and sparkling wines. You will just have to accept that your still wines may be slightly pétillant from time to time.

#### **Kegging the Wine**

(See http://www.thebeveragepeople.com/pdf/ webbeerpdf/Kegging.pdf)

You can think of the keg as one big wine bottle. Start with a cleaned and sanitized keg and siphon the wine into it. Once the keg is filled, place the lid back onto the keg.

Now it's time to purge the headspace of the keg. We need to displace and purge out the oxygen in that headspace with our gas of choice. Connect the gas side disconnect to the keg and turn the gas on. I usually have my regulator set to about 10 PSI when I do this. You will hear gas hiss into the keg. When it stops, turn off the gas and pull the pressure release valve on the keg. The keg will vent out gas for a few moments and stop. You will want to repeat this process between three and six times. When you are finished purging, make sure you allow gas into the keg one last time to blanket the wine. If you are worried about picking up oxidation while you siphon into the keg, make sure your wine has been properly sulfited and give the headspace of the keg a few extra purges for good measure.Now you are ready to serve your wine, carbonate it to turn it into sparkling wine, or just store it.

#### **Still Wine**

We keep our white and rosé wines in the kegerator and the red wines out. This allows us to focus on keeping our white and rosé wines chilled. If the red wine gets a little warmer than we want to drink it, we just put a pitcher of wine in the refrigerator until it cools to a more desirable temperature.

#### Sparkling Wine

For sparkling wines, there's an additional step of forcing gas into solution to make the wine sparkling and bubbly. To force gas into solution, the wine has to be cold. To keep the wine cold, you need a refrigerator or a freezer.

The procedure to make sparkling wines is the same regardless of the color and type of the wine. Once the wine is in the keg and the keg has been purged, the keg must be chilled. Store the keg for a day in the fridge. With the wine cold, now you can shake the keg to start forcing gas into solution. Another way to start forcing gas into solution is to roll the keg on its side on the ground for a while. I usually shake the keg until I get tired, so usually just a few minutes. Then put the keg back into the refrigerator and leave it hooked up to the gas with the gas open until it is carbonated to your taste, usually 3 days for minimal carbonation and up to three weeks to reach sparkling wine bubbles.

# What Pressure to Carbonate?

When it comes to carbonating and then serving a keg there are a few factors: temperature, pressure (PSI), volumes of  $CO_2$  and resistance. Balancing these factors can be tricky, but once you get a basic understanding of how all these factors influence each other, it's not too bad. Temperature and pressure both influence how many volumes of  $CO_2$  you can drive into the wine. You want to carbonate to a

desired volume of  $CO_2$  in the wine. This is in part driven by taste. Once you know how many volumes you are aiming for, you can decide on a serving temperature and then adjust the PSI on the regulator to get the desired volumes at that temperature. Then just adjust your serving line length to provide enough resistance to negate that pressure and serve smoothly without any foaming. I'm not going to get into the nitty gritty of that in this article, but anyone at *The Beverage People* can help you determine this.

Champagne or sparkling wines are typically carbonated to about 6 volumes of CO<sub>2</sub>. Beers on the other hand are commonly carbonated to about 2.5 volumes. Use these numbers as reference points when thinking about what kind of carbonation you are looking for in your own wine. For a champagne-like carbonation, at 40°F you will need about 50 PSI to get about 6 volumes of CO, into solution. Most CO, regulators bought for homebrew systems have low pressure gauges that only go up to 30 PSI. Not a problem. The Beverage People carry replacement gauges that are 0-60 PSI, and are easily swapped out for the 0-30 PSI gauges. For beer-like carbonation, at 40°F you will only need about 12 PSI. For pétillant wines, just use whatever pressure you need to push the wine. With CO, on the wine, it will pick up a small amount of carbonation slowly.

All in all, draft wine is a great idea for home winemakers. It saves time and money. It keeps the wine fresher longer. It limits the amount of wasted wine. And it gives you some more options in terms of things you can do to your wine (still, sparkling, or somewhere in between, sweet or dry, etc.). I would recommend giving it a try. Remember, you can still fill bottles off the faucet and cork them as you need them!

### NEW for 2015 cont.

WY52 Viniflora® Freasy<sup>™</sup> CH16 is a frozen culture of oenococcus bacteria for malolactic fermentation that should always be inoculated directly into the wine. Treats up to 66 gallons. No rehydration or reactivation is required. CH16 is alcohol tolerant to 16%. Use for wines which you may not have intended so much alcohol, but harvest got away from you! QE19 Dipper for transferring grape must to press is very lightweight with a comfortable rolled steel handle. \$7.99



MS70 Spray Bottle, 32 oz., marked in ounces and milliliters. Use with sanitizer for a quick spritz on equipment or with water to mist your cheese cave to raise humidity. \$3.49





#### WineMaker Magazine Annual Conference

Nancy and Bob with (along Bob's wife Marty White) represented The Beverage People at the 2015 WineMaker Magazine Conference in Portland in May. At what is surely the best conference in the country for home winemakers, they staffed a table in the exhibit area, chatted with attendees, and participated in the program.

WineMaker Magazine first hosted a conference in 2008 in Sonoma County at the Double Tree Hotel

in Rohnert Park. We have been there right from the beginning, with magazine publisher Brad Ring asking store founder Byron Burch to address the home winemakers on the subject of mead making. Byron was happy to accept and suggested to Brad that Bob Peak could present a talk on some aspect of the science of winemaking as well. Brad liked the idea, Bob presented a lecture, and either Bob



or Nancy has been back presenting at every annual conference since.

For 2015, Nancy led a series of round-table discussions with attendees on use of oak barrels and oak alternatives for home winemaking. Bob, with Marty's help, led the all-day Making Wine from Grapes bootcamp in the pre-conference Thursday section. Two hundred pounds of Black Seedless grapes imported from Mexico went into making a on bottling and on advanced home wine lab

techniques. All three of them took turns at The Beverage People exhibit table interacting with attendees and discussing in home the latest winemaking products. The conference closed with the annual awards banquet on Saturday night with winners from the WineMaker Magazine competition annual recognized for their accomplishments.

At the Banquet, Brad Ring announced next year's location. We were excited to learn that they are coming back to Sonoma County again! Plan now to join us at the Hyatt Vineyard Creek Hotel on historic railroad square in Santa Rosa. The

conference will be on May 19, 20, and 21 of 2016. Go to www.winemakermag.com for details and to get the early-bird registration rate!

(Photo credit to Winemaker Magazine. Home winemaker receiving medal from Betsy Parks, Jannell Kristiansen, and Kiev Rattee. Brad Ring officiates from the podium.)

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#### Fastest Shipping in the Business:

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For faster service to Zones 5-8, and for perishables such as liquid yeast, we recommend UPS Standard Air service, or UPS 2 DAY Air service.

Add \$7.99 for standard shipping to California, Nevada, Oregon and Washington. All other states and out of the country will pay actual shipping. Customers in Alaska and Hawaii please take note that priority mail service from the Post Office is recommended.

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The Beverage People is proud to operate both a retail and on-line-order supply firm for 35 years in the heart of the Sonoma County Wine Country.

Our staff wishes you the very best with your new hobby and look forward to hearing from you. Mention that you are a new customer, so we may give you a free article from a past newsletter to help answer your fermentation questions.

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# Summer 2015 Beverage People News

# Winemaking Step by Step

# EQUIPMENT

For most beginners, the hardest thing about making wine is simply figuring out, in advance, what equipment is going to be needed. This list should set most of these fears to rest. (See the back of the catalog for rental equipment choices and rates.)

#### You will need the following:

- 1. Siphon Hose and Racking Tube
- 2. Hydrometer and Test Jar
- 3. Acid Testing Kit
- 4. Sulfite Test
- 5. Crusher or Crusher/Destemmer
- 6. Press or Pressing Bag
- 7. Thermometer
- 8. Scoop with Handle
- 9. Funnel
- 10. Bottle Filler
- 11. Small Bucket or Pail
- 12. Punch Down Tool
- 13. Mesh Colander or Strainer

#### For every 75 lbs. of grapes:

1. 10 Gallon Food grade Bucket and Lid

2. One 5 gallon glass carboy (water bottle) with a fermentation lock and a #6 1/2 or #7 drilled rubber stopper. Or PET plastic carboy with a #10 drilled rubber stopper and fermentation lock.

3. Extra jugs, each with a fermentation lock and #6 drilled rubber stopper. These could be gallon size or smaller.

- 4. Twenty-five wine corks.
- 5. Two cases wine bottles.
- 6. Corker.

# INGREDIENTS

- 1. Wine Yeast, 1 gram per gallon
- of must or juice. (see pg. 11 for recommendations)
- 2. Grapes, 16 lbs. per gallon of wine.
- 3. Tartaric Acid as needed.
- 4. Sulfite as needed.
- 5. Yeast Food as needed.
- 6. Fining Agent (optional)
- 7. Malolactic culture for some wines.

# **RED WINE PROCEDURES**

- **Crush (break the skins) and de-stem the grapes**. For most grape varieties, about 90% of the larger stems should be removed.
- 2 Test for total acidity following the instructions in your acid testing kit. If the acidity is less than .6%, add enough tartaric acid to bring it to that level. If you have a pH meter, also test the pH.
- 3 Test for sugar with your hydrometer.

Correct any deficiencies by adding enough sugar to bring the reading up to at least  $22^{\circ}$  Brix or add water to bring the sugar down to a range between  $22^{\circ}$  and  $26^{\circ}$  Brix.

- 4 When these tests and corrections have been completed, the must should be sulfited. Estimating that you will get roughly one gallon of juice yield for every 16 lbs. of grapes, calculate the anticipated amount of juice. Using this estimate, add enough sulfite to give you a sulfur dioxide (SO<sub>2</sub>) level between 50 and 130 parts per million (ppm). (See pages 12 & 13.) The amount needed will depend on the condition of the grapes, with moldy grapes getting the most concentrated dose. Extremely clean grapes may be fermented with little or no SO<sub>2</sub>. (If using Lallzyme EX® enzyme, wait 15 or 20 minutes after sulfiting, then add enzyme.)
- 5 Unless you have found it necessary to add more than 65 parts per million SO<sub>2</sub> in step 4, yeast should be added immediately. If using more than 65 parts per million SO<sub>2</sub>, you must wait six hours before doing so. Add 1 -2 grams of dry wine yeast per gallon evenly across the surface of the crushed grapes (now called "must"). Stir it in thoroughly after eight to twelve hours. Also, begin your nutrient program according to the instructions on page 10.
- 6 The must should be stirred twice a day until fermentation begins. The beginning of fermentation is obvious, as the grape skins are forced to the surface, forming a solid layer, called a cap. Once the cap has formed, mix it back down into the fermenting juice twice a day using your hand or a stainless steel punch-down tool until it is ready to be pressed. (If using FT Rouge Soft Enological Tannin and/or Opti-Red® Specific Inactivated Yeast, sprinkle them over the must and mix in at the first punch-down.)
- **7** Throughout fermentation, the temperature of the must is usually between about 60 and 75°F. For better color extraction from the skins, it is helpful to allow the temperature to rise at least once to the 80-90°F range. The fermentation itself generates some heat, which helps warm the must along with warm fall weather. If it is late in the season you may need a heater.
- 8 When the wine has reached 0° Brix the grapes should be pressed to separate the wine from the skins. This is usually about 1-2 weeks of fermentation at 70-80°F. During pressing, collect the wine into a bucket under the press and funnel the wine into secondary fermentors. Attach fermentation locks, and allow the containers to settle until all visible signs of fermentation have ceased (several days to a week or so). Top full when all activity ceases even if you have to add wine from another batch, or buy a similar wine, remember, you get to drink it later.



Winemaking Equipment from crush to bottle.

### Time Line for Red Wine Fermentation.....



Crushing and stemming your grapes.

5 to 14 days	1 to 2 weeks	after 1 month	after 4 to 6 months	after 6 months	before new harvest
Active yeast fermentation of Must in primary fermentors	Pressed wine moved to secondary fermentors (leave a little room for foam for a day or two, then top up.	Rack off gross lees and top up containers, add oak or cellaring tannins, if desired.	Rack off lees again, test for ML, add sulfite and store in cool place for aging, topping and sulfiting every couple months. If desired, add additional oak.	Rack off lees, add sulfite, fining or filtering, and keep containers topped up.	Rack to bottling container, add sulfite, cork and store.

- 9 Add an ML (malolactic) culture (optional) to the wine which, in the case of direct pitch strains like *Enoferm Alpha or Beta*, is added to the secondary fermentors after pressing.
- 10 When the wine has begun to clarify in 1-2 weeks, rack the wine off the gross lees into clean, sanitized storage containers (glass, stainless steel, or oak). Top up the containers and let stand for a month. If ML fermentation is still active do not add sulfite during this time.
- 11 After one month, rack the wine away from the lees again, add sulfite to 25 or 30 ppm, and keep in topped up containers for four to six months. You must top up barrels, and visually inspect the carboys. This is a good time to add oak alternatives such as sticks or cubes. Add sulfite every few weeks. If you inoculated for ML, test the wine to be sure it is complete.
- 12 Rack off the lees again, and retest to see if the ML fermentation has finished. If completed, raise the sulfite to 20-30 ppm and store in a cool place for aging. If ML fermentation has not completed, keep the sulfite level below 20 ppm and warm the storage containers for a month to encourage completion. (If using Tannin Riche Enological Tannin from French oak, mix it with the wine during a racking at least 3 weeks before bottling.)

13 Usually during the summer (just before you need your storage containers for the next year's crush), carefully rack the wine to a sanitary bottling container, then siphon into bottles and cork them. Keep the bottles neck-up for one week to allow the corks time to expand, then move the cases to their side or upside down for storage. Bottling time is your last opportunity to make sure the wine will be bottle stable, so test and adjust the sulfite to 30 ppm. If this is a sweet wine, add Sorbistat to keep the wine from further fermentation. Most red wines will benefit from at least one year's additional aging.

# White Wine Procedures, see next page.



Pressing the fermented red grapes.

# WHITE WINE PROCEDURES

- 1 **Crush the grapes** to break the skins. It is not necessary to de-stem them, but it does not hurt if you happen to have a stemmer/crusher. Keep the grapes as cool as possible.
- 2 Test for total acidity. If the acidity is less than .65%, add enough tartaric acid to bring it up to that level.
- **3** Test for sugar with your hydrometer. Correct any deficiencies by adding enough sugar to bring the reading up to 20° brix for most varieties (22° for Sauvignon Blanc and Chardonnay.) If higher than 26° brix, add water to lower it between 22° and 26°.
- 4 When these tests and corrections have been completed, the must may be sulfited. Estimating that you

will get roughly a gallon of juice from every 16 lbs. of grapes (varies with the variety), add enough sulfite to give you a sulfur dioxide  $(SO_2)$  level between 50 and 120 parts per million (ppm.) Note: The amount needed will depend on the condition of the grapes, with moldy grapes getting the most concentrated dose. Very clean grapes may get by with little or no sulfite.

- 5 Stir in pectic enzyme (pectinase) at the rate
- of one ounce to every 200 lbs. of grapes, or use Lallzyme® Cuvée-Blanc. Place the crushed grapes in a covered container to macerate from 2 to 12 hours. If left to stand longer than 2 hours at this stage, the crushed grapes should be refrigerated.
- 6 The grapes are then pressed to separate the juice from the skins. Funnel the juice into topped up containers, cover, and let stand for approximately 24 hours.
- 7 Siphon the clear juice away from the layer of settlings (called "gross lees") into a glass, stainless steel, or oak fermentor which is filled no more than 3/4 full. (If using FTBlanc SoftEnological Tannin, mix it with the juice during the transfer to the fermentor(s). This is also the time to add Opti-MUM White® Specific Inactivated Yeast if desired.) Yeast should be added, 1g per gallon and a fermentation lock attached to the fermentor. Add nutrients according to the instructions on page 10.
- 8 When visible signs of fermentation end, the wine must be racked off the lees, and placed in topped up storage containers (glass, stainless, or oak). Add sulfite, 30 - 40 ppm. and let stand for a month.
- **9** Rack off the lees. If the wine isn't clearing, fine with Sparkolloid or a Bentonite slurry. Clarity occurs by three months. Sulfite and store full containers in a cool place.

- 10 In a couple of months, rack and sulfite the wine again, placing it back in topped up containers. For oak flavor add oak sticks or cubes. If additional high-quality French oak character would benefit your wine, use Tannin Riche enological finishing tannin.
- 11 In late Spring, before the onset of very hot weather, carefully rack the wine from the lees. Test the wine for free sulfite content with a sulfur dioxide test kit to determine how much SO, is needed to bring the level to 30-35 parts per million.
- 12 Siphon into bottles, cork them, and set them aside for whatever bottle aging is needed. If you wish to sweeten the wine, do so with simple syrup (two parts sugar to one part water, boiled), and add 1/2 tsp. Sorbistat per gallon to inhibit any remaining yeast. White wines may be enjoyed 6 weeks after bottling.

#### Time Line for White Wine Fermentation.....

1 to 2 weeks	1 month	2-4 months	In the spring
Active yeast fermentation of juice in primary fermentors about 3/4 full	Rack finished wine to clean fermentors, topped full. Settle out lees. Add sulfite.	Rack off lees and fine or filter. Add sulfite and cold stabilize. Oak additions.	Rack to bottling container, add sulfite, fill and cork bottles.

Fruit Wine Procedures, see next page.



Placing the wood blocks and press head into the press before pressing the grapes.

## FRUIT WINE PROCEDURES

#### Use the following procedures for 5 gallons of Berry or Stone Fruit Wines:

Smash sound, ripe berries (or pit stone fruit), tie loosely in a straining bag and place in open top fermentor.

Heat 6 quarts **water with Corn sugar** and bring to a boil. Remove from heat, cool and pour into the fermentor over the fruit.

Add the remaining water, Yeast Nutrient, Pectinase and Tartaric Acid. Add 5 crushed Campden Tablets.

Cover with loose plastic sheet or lid and allow to cool and dissipate the sulfite, waiting for 12 hours or overnight.

Stir in the **Yeast.** Once fermentation begins, **stir or push** the pulp down into the liquid twice a day.

After 5-7 days, strain and press the pulp. Funnel the fermenting wine into closed fermentors, such as glass or plastic carboys, and attach a fermentation lock. *Note: if this fermentation is very active, you may need to divide the wine between two carboys so it won't foam out and spill.* 

When bubbles are no longer actively rising through the wine, siphon the wine back together into one full carboy. **Optional: Fine with Sparkolloid see pg.15 for mixing Sparkolloid,** add 3 Campden Tablets and store for four weeks with an airlock.

## **CIDER PROCEDURES**

Crush the apples. Use only sound, fully ripe fruit. (We rent an electric grinder and press.)

Stir in **Pectinase** to accelerate break down of the fruit pectins. Use 1/2 oz. per 100-150 lbs. of fruit, with a contact time of 2-4 hrs, to achieve better runoff at press.

Press to separate the juice from the skins and other solids. Funnel the collected juice into closed containers, filled no more than 75% full. Add 5 crushed **Campden Tablets.** Settle the juice and wait for the sulfite to dissipate - 6 hours.

For each 5 gallons of juice, add 1-2 teaspons of **Yeast** Food (Fermaid K). Stir and add 5-10g of **Yeast.** Attach a fermentation lock, and allow fermentation to proceed.

When visible signs of fermentation end, the cider must be racked off the lees and placed in topped up glass or stainless steel storage containers. Let it stand for a month.

During the racking at the end of fermentation, add sulfite using 3 crushed **Campden Tablets**.

After a month, rack and sulfite again then rack it back into

Rack (siphon) away from the sediment, top full with a neutral wine and leave under airlock for 3 weeks up to 4 months.

For **bottling**, **rack into an open container**, and add 3 crushed **Campden Tablets**. Sweeten with **sugar syrup** to taste and add 1/2 teaspoon **Sorbistat** per gallon to stabilize. Siphon into bottles, cork, and set aside to age for at least 3 weeks.

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#### Berry, Plum, or Cherry Wine Recipe

20 lbs. Blackberries or 15 lbs Raspberries or 15 lbs. Pitted Plums or 22 lbs Cherries or 15 lbs Sour Cherries (omit acid addition for sour cherries) 12 lbs. Corn Sugar 4 gallons Water 2 1/2 tsp. Yeast Nutrient 2 1/2 tsp. Pectinase 8 tsp. Tartaric Acid 5 g Epernay II Wine Yeast

#### Original Brix: 20 Total Acid: .6-.65%

8. Corker or CapperOptional:1. Hydrometer (Saccharometer) and Test Jar2. Acid Testing Kit

EQUIPMENT NEEDED FOR

**5** GALLONS OF **FRUIT WINE OR** 

CIDER

3. One 5 gallon glass carboy (water

stopper. Or PET plastic carboy with

4. Racking tube and flexible tubing.

6. Two cases wine or beer bottles.

7.25 pack of Campden Tablets

bottle) with a fermentation lock

and a #6 1/2 or #7 drilled rubber

a #10 drilled rubber stopper and

fermentation lock.

5. Corks or crown caps.

5. Bottle filler

1.6.5 Gallon Food grade Bucket

2. Nylon Bag to fit bucket.

topped up containers. Store for two or three more months.

Carefully rack away from the lees. If your cider is going into extended bottle storage, sulfite by adding 3 crushed **Campden Tablets**. Beverages such as this may often be enjoyed within two months of bottling. If you plan to drink some that soon, don't add additional sulfite to that portion at bottling time.

Siphon into bottles, cork or cap them, and set them aside for whatever bottle aging is needed. If you would rather sweeten the cider at bottling time, the following instructions will apply.

#### Cider Ingredients

100-150 lbs. Applesor 5 gallons of juice1 oz. Pectinase2 teaspoons Yeast Food10 g M-2 Yeast25 pack Campden Tablets

Brix: 10-13 Total Acid: .6-.65%

#### Sweetening

To sweeten 5 gallons of cider, boil 1 cup of cane sugar with 1/2 cup of water for 5 minutes. Only stir in 1/2 of this and taste before you decide to add the rest. You may like it at this level of sweetness. If not, by all means add more.

You will also add 1/2 tsp. **Sorbistat** per gallon to to stabilize the cider and prevent re-fermentation in the bottles. Force carbonation in a keg is also an option. See our beer catalog for instructions on kegging.

## JUICE TESTING FOR SUGAR, ACID, PH & NUTRIENTS

There are three tests deemed most essential in the majority of winemaking situations. By testing these three things: Sugar, Acid, and pH, you will have the minimum level of information needed to make wine. Instruments and kits are available at *The Beverage People* for testing these parameters at home. (See pg.14)

In addition to the three tests mentioned above you may also want to find out the level of nutrients in your juice. Adequate nutritional levels help ensure a healthy yeast fermentation, and also help avoid problems such as: stuck fermentations, or the rotten egg smell of Hydrogen Sulfide (H<sub>2</sub>S.)

As far as nutrients are concerned, there are two tests a home winemaker would utilize: one for Ammonia, and one for Assimilable Amino Nitrogen. The results of these two tests are added together to determine the total amount of Yeast Assimilable Nitrogen (YAN) present in the sample. When these figures have been combined, the result (logically enough) is called Yeast Assimilable Nitrogen Combined (YANC). It is this YANC figure, in combination with the sugar level of the must, that tells us the nutritional requirements of our juice. If you are interested in these numbers, you will need to use a commercial lab.

There are no home tests for nutrients, therefore you will want to crush your grapes and deliver a settled sample of juice to your nearest laboratory. (A 250ml bottle is the minimum volume requirement for most chemical analysis.) There are three labs near the store: Vinquiry in Windsor (707) 838-86122, Signature Wine Labs in Santa Rosa(707)838-3027, and ETS in Healdsburg (707) 433-7051 or St. Helena (707) 963-4806. Contact them to find out information on cost. For Signature Wine Labs testing, drop off your sample and pay in advance at The Beverage People. By sharing results with our staff, we can advise you on actions to take with your results.

Remember that you are sending juice, and that means it is subject to fermentation. A laboratory must receive your samples before fermentation begins! Unless you take your clarified juice to the lab yourself, you should use one of two storage methods:

**Freeze the juice in the sample jar** (with the lid loose) **or pasteurize the juice**, heating it up to 180°F., keeping it there for 2-5 min.

Do not boil. Cool, freeze, and ship via next day air. Talk over sampling and shipping with your chosen laboratory before you start.

#### **Adjusting Nutrients**

Because different strains of yeast have different nutrient requirements, talking about YANC levels can quickly turn complex. For our discussion here, we will consider the **natural juice level of YANC** in one of 3 levels: Low YANC < 125 ppm, Medium YANC 125-225 ppm or High YANC > 225 ppm.

The yeasts are also divided into three levels of nutritional need: Low, Medium and High-Very High (see table on page 11). Once you know your YANC level, it may influence your choice of yeast. Choosing one with an appropriate nutrient need will minimize your nutrient additions.

After your **Yeast** choice is made select a nutrient addition program from the following table: *Low, Medium or High YANC* level and then the **Yeast Nutrient** program of *Low, Medium or High-very High*.

Note: all of this advice is based on "moderate" sugar levels up to 22° Brix. For high-sugar musts, choose yeast both low in nutrient requirements and high alcohol tolerant. Increase the yeast pitch 50% and add both 1 gram DAP amd Fermaid K per gallon of juice when 1/3 of the sugar has been fermented.

	Yeast Nutrient Needs													
EVEL	LOW	Low A	Med B	H-VH E										
VC L	MEDIUM	С	D	E										
YAN	HIGH	С	С	D										

#### **Nutrient Programs**

NOTE: When in doubt, use Program D.

A) Add enough DAP to bring your YANC up to 150 ppm about 8-12 hours after pitching yeast.

For program A, use these levels:

50 ppm or less YANC, add 2 grams DAP per gallon.

50-100 ppm YANC, add 1 1/2 grams DAP per gallon.

100 -125 ppm YANC, add 1/2 gram DAP per gallon.

125+ ppm YANC, add no DAP

In addition, about 1/3 of the way through

fermentation, add 1 g/gal. of Fermaid K (or Yeast Food).

B) Do all of program A, plus:

Add an additional 1/2 g/gal. DAP and do a second addition of 1 g/gal. Fermaid K when roughly 2/3 of the sugar has been consumed. C) Add no DAP. Add 1 g/gal. Fermaid K about 1/3 of the way through fermentation. D) Follow program C, plus add another g/gal. of Fermaid K about 2/3 of the way through fermentation.

E) Follow program A, plus add 1 g/gal.DAP and 1 g/gal. Fermaid K about 2/3 of the way through fermentation.

#### Which Nutrient...When?

**Go-Ferm** is an important nutrient used when building a yeast culture before the primary fermentation. Do not use during fermentation. See the web-site or package for complete instructions for use.

**Opti-Red**<sup>®</sup> (yeast derived nutrient) is added at the time of the first punchdown for red grapes.

**OptiMUM-White** (yeast derived nutrient) is added to white grape juice after racking off of the gross fruit lees near the beginning of fermentation.

Fermaid K (yeast food) is the goto all-purpose nutrient for wine fermentations. Use at the rate of 1 oz. per 32 gallons at 1/3 drop in original brix. Repeat at 2/3 drop. Use with DAP if you know you need more nitrogen. Contains: ammonia salts, amino acids, sterols, unsaturated fatty acids, yeast hulls, vitamins, magnesium and pantothenic acid.

**Diammonium Phosphate** - DAP will raise the level of free nitrogen for a healthy fermentation. Contains only ammonium phosphate. Use varies, but 1 oz. per 32 gallons is a good starting addition.

**Autolyzed Yeast** is used to restart sluggish and stuck fermentations. Contains dried yeast providing amino nitrogen, B vitamins and yeast hulls from autolyzed yeast.

Yeast Hulls help prevent stuck and sluggish fermentations and with Autolyzed Yeast to restart fermentations. This is the pure cell wall membrane of whole yeast cells and is more concentrated than autolyzed yeast. Also used to absorb toxic compounds like copper sulfate.

## **YEAST RECOMMENDATIONS**

Locate your grape variety or style, read about the yeast characteristics for the recommended strain(s). We stock all of these during harvest.

Please read page 10 for Nutrient programs for fermentation.

ments	Com-	Reaction to Oxygen ***	tional Need **	Nutri-	Alcohol Tolerant	High	Alcohol Tolerance %	Vigor	permure Range F.	Tem-	Use to Restart	tolerant	Cold	Stabilizes Color	Character	Reduces	Sensory Effect *	Enhances Mouthfeel	Enhances Fruit	Fruit Wines	Varietal	To find fermen- tation specifics, read down
spiciness	Enhances	Medium		Medium			15	Slow		68-86				YES		YES	EVC	YES		YES	Pinot Noir	ASSIMULTS'
wines	Fruit			Low			14	Average		59-86							Estery		YES	YES	Zinfandel Syrah	Beatilolais Beatilolais
Macera- tions	Extended			Very High		YES	16	Average		64-82							EVC				Sangio- vese	BUILD
to BDX	Alternate	Low		High			14	Average		59-89				YES		YES	EVC				Bordeaux	CSM
stopped	Can be			Medium			15	Average		50-80			YES			YES	EVC		YES	YES	Zinfandel	Ellernus 1
F ermen- tor	Ideal		1	High		YES	16	Average		64-86				YES			EVC				Bordeaux	French Red
Jlavor Mineral Aromas	Complex	Medium		Medium			16	Fast		50-85				YES			EVC	YES	YES		Chard Red Rhones	ICA DASA
	Complex			Medium		YES	16	Fast		59-86						YES	Estery	YES	YES		Chard, Cabernet	4.2
Mineral Tones	Red fruit,	Low		Low		YES	17	Average		59-90				YES			Complex				Syrah	Rocknile"
Flavors Mouthfeel	Bold	High		Low		YES	16	Average		59-90				YES			Estery	YES	YES		Big Reds	ICAID21
Harvest	Late	High		Low		YES	18	Fast		50-86	GOOD		YES				Neutral			YES	White, Red	Prise le Mousse
Harvest	Late	Medium		High		YES	18	Fast		59-82	GOOD			YES			EVC			YES	Rhone	RHONE LAAS
Color	Good		1	High		YES	16	Average		68-86							EVC			YES	Pinot Noir	RCAR
Stop Fer- menting	Easiest to			Low			14	Slow		40-70			YES				EVC			YES	German White	Steinberget
	Aromatic	Low		Low			16	Fast		59-90							EVC	YES	YES	YES	Dry Whites	0,223
Very Well, Red Fruit Character	Restarts			Low		YES	18	Fast		55-95	EXCEL- LENT						YES	YES			Restarts, Zin, Late Harvest	Undform 43

Notes to Text

\*Sensory Effect: EVC = Enhances Varietal Character, Estery = Enhances Fruitiness, Neutral = No Enhancements
 \*\* See page 10 for Nutrient recommendations, especially for Medium and High Categories.
 \*\*\* Also try additions of Oxygen with active stirring during fermentation to yeasts that react to O<sub>2</sub> additions.

Summer 2015 Beverage People News

# Sulfite, Grapes and Winemaking

Sulfur has been burned in wine containers to purify them since the days of the Roman Empire, and probably much earlier. The ancients may not have known about the world of microorganisms, but they recognized that sulfur helped make their wines last longer. We now know that sulfur dioxide gas  $(SO_2)$  released by burning sulfur was the effective agent for retarding spoilage, and we have a more precise way of adding it these days. We make up solutions of sulfurous acid/water to known parts per million of  $SO_2$ . These solutions are stored and added in tablespoons or milliliters to the volume of wine.

After more than 35 years of teaching home winemakers the importance of adding sulfite to wine and monitoring the results with various testing methods, we are concerned that people are still not testing or scheduling  $SO_2$  additions often enough.

While we have seen improvement during these years, many wine samples are still reported with only a few parts per million of  $SO_2$ . These wines may not even yet show the effects of oxidation, but given enough time in this unprotected state, the fruitiness will fade, browning will occur and the taste will become pruney and harsh. To avoid this you need to understand the basics of why sulfite works so well to protect your wine.

When you add sulfite to wine, sulfur dioxide ionizes to the sulfite ion,  $SO_3^{=}$ , and bisulfite ion,  $HSO_3^{-}$ . A small fraction remains in the "molecular" form,  $SO_2$ . It is this molecular form that protects the wine from spoilage organisms and oxidation. As sulfite reacts with other wine components, it becomes "bound" to them and is no longer available to participate in producing "molecular" sulfite.

We cannot measure molecular sulfite directly. Rather, we measure "free" sulfite, and use a table of wine pH values to predict the amount of 'molecular' sulfite we will achieve.

This is why it is so important to frequently measure your free sulfite. No matter how high your total sulfite (within reason), it is only the free sulfite number that really counts. Don't just guess and toss some sulfite in, analyze it first, then add it. To this end, we offer some advice on ways to keep up with testing your SO<sub>2</sub>.

### Methods for Testing Free SO<sub>2</sub>

#### Aeration-Oxidation(AO) Method for Free SO<sub>2</sub>

This is the original primary laboratory method for sulfite measurement in wine that helps define what "free" SO, means. Advances in technology and simplification have brought a complete home-use aeration-oxidation (AO) system down to a price that makes sense for many hobbyists. (See page 21.) It uses the same technology and chemicals as a full laboratory setup, but at a fraction of the cost. The kit as packed contains sufficient supplies for numerous tests, except there is only one ounce (30 mL) of 25% phosphoric acid reagent. That is sufficient for three tests and has the advantage of shipping without a hazardous material shipping surcharge. If you can come in to our store, we can sell you a 250 mL bottle of 25% phosphoric acid to supplement your kit, but we cannot ship it. If you are outside the area, look into sourcing this reagent locally.

In the AO method, a wine sample is placed in a flask and phosphoric acid is added to force the sulfite ion into molecular  $SO_2$ . A small air pump pushes air bubbles through the sample. Since sulfur dioxide is a gas, it dissolves in the air stream and transfers to a trapping solution. In the trapping solution, hydrogen peroxide oxidizes the sulfur dioxide into sulfuric acid. Also in the trapping solution is an acid-base indicator that changes color as the sample gas accumulates. After the 10 or 15 minute transfer period, the trapping solution is titrated with sodium hydroxide solution to measure the acid formed. The free sulfite level can be calculated from the titration results.

#### **Ripper Method for Free SO**<sub>2</sub>

We sell the 10 pack box of Titrets, based on the Ripper method, but they are only recommended for white wine. The Ripper method is an iodine titration that is often faster, easier, and cheaper than A/O. It is limited by the chemistry involved. Any substance that reacts with iodine—including some tannins—will be measured as sulfite. Further, the acidification of the sample for the titration tends to release some sulfite bound to anthocyanins (color compounds) in red wine, making it appear "free" when it is not.

These Ripper limitations have been largely overcome through a combination of equipment and techniques from Vinmetrica. That company produces proprietary instruments for sulfite analysis (SC-100A, TE162, p. 21) and for sulfite plus titratable acidity (SC-300, see p. 14) that rely on amperometric titration with iodine instead of a visual endpoint or a straight oxidation-reduction (redox) detection. Allowing very rapid titration to overcome release of additional sulfites and showing a very sharp endpoint on the meter to improve precision, they have reduced the discrepancy between AO and Vinmetrica Ripper to only 2 to 3 mg/L (ppm) for most wine samples. Those differences are small enough that the convenience and ease of use will make the Vinmetrica meters attractive choices for many users.

#### Laboratory Testing

If you would rather not do sulfite analysis yourself but you want to do a good job keeping up with your levels, a wine testing laboratory can do it for you. Find a commercial lab or perhaps a university lab near you to minimize shipping of samples. For those of you who live in Northern California Wine Country, we can make it very easy for you. Come by the store and pick up a free sample vial (or use your own screw cap container of 60 mL or more) and fill it all the way up with wine. You don't want to lose sulfur dioxide gas into the headspace of a partially-filled container. Bring your vial back full and pay for the free SO<sub>2</sub> test here at the store. Our lab services partner, Signature Wine Laboratory of Santa Rosa, will pick up the sample and will test it using approved techniques. If you authorize them to (which we recommend) they will email us a copy of your report when they email it to you as well. Give us a call if you would like to discuss your results! (Signature gives a 15% discount to home winemakers which we pass along. Many other lab tests are available, too.)

#### Scheduling SO, Additions

Initial sulfite may be added at 50-65 ppm to grapes or juice that is free of rot or mold. The presence of a lot of mold, or grapes in otherwise bad condition, might require twice that amount. Under average conditions the information that follows should keep about 20 to 30 ppm of free SO<sub>2</sub> available throughout the wine's cycle of production through bottling.

After ML fermentation is complete add 30 ppm, and five days later add 30 ppm again, and AGAIN one week later. Now get the wine tested for free  $SO_2$ . The test results may surprise you, as the amount of  $SO_2$  you have added seems like a lot, but has been working to clean up the wine after fermentation and will be dissipating at a rapid rate initially.

Above pH 3.5, you will notice that the amounts of free sulfur dioxide required become quite high. It is best to lower the pH by adding tartaric acid early in the fermentation cycle to lower the pH.

Continue testing every 6-8 weeks, adding  $SO_2$  as required to keep at least 20-30 ppm. available in the wine.

#### Sources of SO<sub>2</sub>

 $SO_2$  is available as Campden tablets, effervescent Inodose metabisulphite tablets or by powdered sodium or potassium metabisulfite. A premeasured Campden Tablet equals 65 ppm in one gallon (13 ppm in a five gallon jug) and is very convenient for those making small amounts of wine. Crush the tablet to a powder to add it.

The 2 gram Inodose tablets add 528 ppm per gallon or 9 ppm per 60 gallons. The 5 gram Inodose tablets add 1320 ppm per gallon or 22 ppm per 60 gallons. The tablets can by dissolved in water to accurately dose carboys. Metabisulfite powder is added in a liquid preparation to adequately disperse it, and because it is very potent. This is also the least expensive method and accurate to measure for any size container.

#### pH and SO<sub>2</sub>

It is generally recognized that only a small amount of molecular  $SO_2$  (.5 to .8 ppm.) needs to be present to provide bacterial stability in wine, but pH has an important effect on how much free  $SO_2$  is needed in order to provide that amount, and that's why both pH and  $SO_2$  need to be tested.

REGARD THE TABLE OF MOLECULAR SO<sub>2</sub> BELOW. The amount of free SO<sub>2</sub> needed is based on the pH of the wine. A fairly safe amount for protection of the wine is either .5 ppm for Red Wines or .8 ppm for White Wines. If you know the pH, simply make sure you have the corresponding level of free SO<sub>2</sub>, or slightly more, present in the wine during storage and bottling.



Molec	ular SO <sub>2</sub> needed	for Stability
pН	.8 ppm.	.5 ppm
	White Wine	Red Wine
2.9	11 ppm.	7 ppm
3.0	13	8
3.1	16	10
3.2	21	13
3.3	26	16
3.4	32	20
3.5	40	25
3.6	50	31
3.7	63	39
3.8	79	49

### Preparing Metabisulfite Solutions 10% Solution

Using a gram scale, **weigh out 100 grams of Sodium or Potassium Metabisulfite and dissolve in 1 Liter of water**. Tightly stopper and store labeled: poison. When adding your sulfite additions make sure you measure carefully.

Replace your solution every 3-4 months.

	10% Solution of Metabisulfite												
	(Add ppm SO <sub>2</sub> to desired amount.)												
Must/Win	ne 10	20	25	30	40	50	75						
(gallons	s) —	(Add	l milli	ters of	10%	solutior	1)						
1	.6	1.3	1.6	2.0	2.6	3.3	4.9						
5	3.3	6.6	8.2	9.9	13.1	16.4	24.6						
10	6.6	13.1	16.4	19.7	26.3	32.9	49.3						
25	16.4	32.9	41.1	49.3	65.7	82.1	123.2						
60	39.5	78.8	98.5	118.3	157.7	187.2	295.7						

#### **3% Solution**

Dissolve **four ounces of sodium or potassium metabisulfite powder,** in one gallon of distilled water. This is a weaker solution than the 10% solution given above. However, at this concentration, the solution is still quite strong and should be labeled: poison.

Replace your solution every 2 or 3 months.

	3% So	3% Solution of Metabisulfite											
	(A	(Add ppm of $SO_2$ to desired amount.)											
Must/Wine	10	21	33	43	65								
(gallons)	(Ad	(Add tablespoons of 3% solution)											
1	.15	.32	.50	.66	1.00								
5	.75	1.60	2.50	3.30	5.00								
10	1.50	3.20	5.00	6.60	10.00								

#### **Removing Excess SO<sub>2</sub>**

If you ever need to lower your  $SO_2$  due to a mistake in calculation try splash racking or stirring vigorously to aerate. If the FREE  $SO_2$  is still too high do the following: for every 10 ppm free  $SO_2$  you.want to remove, add 1 ml. of 3% hydrogen peroxide per gallon of wine. An oxidative reaction occurs immediately. Use only fresh 3% Hydrogen Peroxide, available at the drugstore. Use this method to remove up to 100 ppm - any more than this and the wine will oxidize and lose its flavor.

**Please Note:** Avoid confusing the above two solution strengths. If you have a scale that weighs in grams, and have access to a pH meter, you should use the 10% solution instructions. Have on hand Pipets or Syringes graduated in .1 ml to .5 ml, 1 ml to 10 ml volumes and a Graduated Cylinder, with a volume of 100 ml, for large additions. Otherwise, use the weaker 3% solution, using household measuring spoons.

### HOME WINE LAB TESTING...SUGAR, pH, ACID and Free SO,

Having your wines tested at a commercial wine laboratory provides reliable, accurate information. But sometimes it's fun to do your own testing. Or maybe you live too far away to take advantage of commercial lab testing. Sugar, pH, Acid and SO<sub>2</sub> are readily addressable with home testing techniques.

SUGAR There are three principal methods for measuring sugar content at home: a refractometer, a hydrometer, or a Clinitest® kit. To make a harvest decision in the vineyard, the refractometer is the clear choice. Using the refractometer is very easy. First, calibrate it with a few drops of 20° brix reference solution. Then rinse the prism with distilled water and dry it with



lens paper or a clean paper towel. Squeeze the juice of one grape onto the prism, close the cover, and point the refractometer at a bright section of sky. Read the brix level, write it down, and go on to measure another grape until you have taken a representative sample of your crop. Be aware that you may estimate a little high, since you will probably not sample the immature, under-ripe, and second crop grapes that may find their way into your picking bins on harvest day. For a more thorough sample, collect 20 to 100 grapes in a zip-lock bag, crush them with your fingers, and measure the brix level of the resulting mixed juice.

Once fermentation the begins, refractometer can no longer be used, because alcohol confounds the refractive index measurement upon which the sugar reading is based. So, it is time to turn to your hydrometer. Originally invented by Hypatia of Alexandria, the hydrometer has a 1500-year history of reliable service. Gently place the hydrometer in a plastic or glass measuring jar (which minimizes the amount of sample needed), then fill the jar until the hydrometer floats. Spin it gently to free any attached bubbles, then note the reading at the liquid level on the hydrometer stem. Most hydrometers are calibrated in Balling (which is the same as brix), specific gravity, and

potential alcohol. Note that the third scale in no way measures alcohol directly—it is just a calculated estimate of alcohol potential based on a measurement of sugar content. Continue to take readings periodically as your wine ferments until you get to zero or below, indicating the end of fermentation.

Finally, when fermentation is all over and you want to assess the final "dryness" of your wine, turn to the Clinitest® kit. These tablets, produced for measuring sugar in urine for diabetic patients, can be adapted to measure low levels of sugar (up to one percent) in finished wine. Follow the kit instructions and compare the developed color with the chart provided. Wine is usually considered "dry" at a sugar level of 0.4% or below.

pH Wine pH is of interest primarily as a stability factor. As displayed in our molecular SO<sub>2</sub> table (see page 13), the effectiveness of free sulfur dioxide in protecting wine is strongly dependent on the pH. The lower the pH value, the more stable the wine in the long run. While low pH wines also taste sharper than high pH wines, the real driving force for flavor is TA not pH. That fact highlights the value of doing both tests on your must and wine: TA for flavor



and pH for stability.

If you use the *MILWAUKEE MW102 pH Meter* (shown above) or *Vinmetrica SC-300* (shown below) for measuring TA, you can record the initial pH value of your wine in the same manner. Another pH measurement



option at *The Beverage People* is a hand-held pH meter. The *Waterproof pH Testr 20* from *Oakton* that has the feature of a watertight housing with 0.01 pH resolution. All pH meters, portable or benchtop, require calibration prior to use. Add our buffer set for a true two-point calibration for any of these meters. Calibrate with the pH 7 first, finishing with pH 4. That sequence maximizes the precision in the area of wine pH—at or below pH 4. After rinsing with distilled water, store the electrode in Storage Solution (pg. 21).

*Note:* while precision and accuracy are excellent with both kinds of meters, portable pH meters have inherently slower response times than a meter and electrode. As a result, a separate electrode pH meter is much more suitable for TA titrations than a portable handheld meter. Either works well if you just want to measure pH.

ACID Commercial labs use a sophisticated autotitrator to execute the traditional winemaking method for Titratable Acidity. They report in grams per 100 milliliters—roughly equivalent to percent.

At *The Beverage People*, we offer several home tests for TA. The most popular is the *Country Wines* titration kit with phenolphthalein indicator and sodium hydroxide titrating solution. This is based on the primary lab procedure for the same test, which we also offer (see below). Executed carefully at the kitchen table, it can give precise and accurate results on white wine. Because the visual endpoint of the titration is pink, many users have a bit more difficulty seeing the endpoint in grayish-pink "red" must. If you use this kit for newly crushed



red grapes, take your juice sample quickly, before the full red color develops.

Our other three TA methods use full laboratory-scale equipment. The *Indicator Method Titration Kit* and the *pH Meter Titration Kit* both use a Class A buret to add measured amounts of 0.1 N Sodium Hydroxide

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solution to a wine sample. The indicator method uses the pink color change of phenolphthalein to determine the endpoint and is subject to the same red-wine limitations as the *Country Wines* kit. The pH Meter Method, on the other hand, uses the *MW102* digital pH meter from Milwaukee Instruments for endpoint detection. That meter is unaffected by the sample color. Even finished, dark red wines can be accurately measured for TA with this system. Detailed instructions are included with both kits.

The Vinmetrica SC-300 is essentially equivalent to the MW 102 method for titratable acidity and uses a digital pH meter. It has the additional capability, however, of running a separate free SO<sub>2</sub> measurement as described in the next section.

FREE SO<sub>2</sub> As described on page 12, the *Titrets* kit, employing the Ripper method,

is the simplest test for free sulfur dioxide. Unfortunately, it is only recommended for white wine and is not especially accurate even then.

More advanced systems for the Ripper method are produced by Vinmetrica. The SC-100A uses a platinum electrode for an amperometric titration with a digital endpoint. Noting the volume of titrant dispensed to reach the endpoint, the user can calculate the free sulfur dioxide level. The SC-300 meter uses exactly the same electrode and method for the measurement of free SO<sub>2</sub> and has the further advantage of incorporating a fully functional digital pH meter and pH electrode. That means that the combined system can do all of the testing described here under pH, Acid, and Free SO<sub>2</sub>, providing a comprehensive solution for home winemakers who want to set up a compact laboratory.

Our primary method for determining free  $SO_2$ , is aeration-oxidation as described

on page 12. The version available at The Beverage People, the MT140, contains all of the supplies and glassware needed to run the test on a basic level. For greater convenience and to extend the number of samples that can be analyzed, we recommend also purchasing the TE114 Accessory Kit. That kit includes an additional 250 mL bottle of 25% phosphoric acid (allowing 25 more sample analyses), a wash bottle for your distilled water to make it easy to dilute samples and rinse glassware, a second 10-mL serological pipet to reduce the need to rinse pipets during every analysis, and a 1-mL syringe to facilitate the color adjustment of the trapping solution that may be needed at the beginning of each testing cycle. Note that the accessory kit is an in-store purchase only as hazardous materials regulations prevent us from shipping the phosphoric acid.

## **PROCEDURES FOR FINING**

Most wine will clarify during aging, with periodic rackings to remove sediments. To remove oxidation or reduce bitterness, fine with Polyclar or Whole Milk. To soften tannins, use either Egg Whites or Gelatin, followed by Sparkolloid.

Always add Metabisulfite when adding a fining agent, to prevent oxidation during the mechanical stirring needed to blend in the agent.

Two of the most commonly used fining (clarifying) agent are used as follows.

Sparkolloid is used at the rate of 1 to 1.5 grams per gallon, so to fine five gallons of wine, begin by measuring out 5 to 7.5 grams of dry Sparkolloid. Then take about 2 cups of water, stir in the Sparkolloid, and heat it on the stove in a saucepan.

Simmer gently (bubbles, but not boiling) for 15-20

Fining Age	ent Rate of Use	<b>Best Used For</b>	Preparation	When
Sparkolloid	5 - 7 g/ 5 gallons	All wines	Heat 1 - 2 cups of water with Sparkolloid, simmer 15 minutes and stir into wine	Post fermentation three weeks before racking.
Bentonite	1/4 cup of slurry per 5 gallor (See directions above)	ns All wines	Slurry with juice or water in blender s	Rack in 1-2 weeks Allow 3 weeks to ettle before bottling
lsinglass	1 Tablespoon/ 5 gallons	White wines that haven't clarified with Sparkolloid.	Soak in 2 Cups water with 1/2 teasp. Citric Acid for 30 minutes. Add to wine.	Prior to a racking.
Gelatin	1/4 oz./ 5 gallons	Red wines with excess tannin.	Dissolve in 10 oz. hot water, let sit for 10 minutes. Stir thoroughly into wine.	After fermentation up to three weeks before bottling.
Egg Whites	1/2 egg white/ 5 gallons	Red Wines with excess tannin.	Whipped to a soft froth with some wine and water then mixed in thoroughly.	In barrel/glass a month or more before bottling.
<b>Polyclar</b> (Divergan F)	2.5-12.5 g/ 5 gallons	White wines to remove oxidation reduce bitterness.	Thorough mixing Fluffy, difficult to rack off cleanly.	Before, during or after fermentation.
Non-Fat Milk	100-250 ml/5 gallons	White wines to reduce bitterness, adds sweetness.	Follow with Bentonite Fining	Rack after 4 days A month prior to bottling.
Whole Milk	100-250 ml/5 gallons	Reduce harshness absorb aldehydes.	Follow with Bentonite Fining	Rack after 4 days A month prior to bottling.

minutes. Add the hot mixture into the wine. Stir gently, but thoroughly. Let stand three to four weeks and carefully rack away from the sediments of the Sparkolloid and the lees. It's a very fluffy sediment, so be prepared to lose an inch of wine.

Bentonite requires that a slurry be made up a **day in advance.** Measure out a 750 ml. bottle of water, and heat it to boiling. Slowly stir in 1 oz. of Bentonite. Mix it thoroughly for about one minute in a blender and funnel back into the 750 ml. wine bottle. Close with a silicone or rubber stopper and let it stand for a day. Shake up the slurry to thoroughly mix is back into solution and then thoroughly stir 1/4 cup into each five gallons of wine. Rack as usual after 1 to 2 weeks.

# **BARREL CARE**

#### Care of a New Barrel

Brand new oak barrels are about as sanitary as they can be because the wood has been heated over direct fire in the process of making the barrel. This is done in order to bend the staves into place, and also to enhance various flavor accents (such as vanilla and caramel).

#### Swelling up a Barrel

Like any wooden container, however, a new barrel must be filled with water to make the wood swell and eliminate leaks. These leaks will often seal themselves in only a few hours, or a couple of days. However, the barrel should be continually refilled until the leaks stop, and the water should be changed each day to prevent off flavors caused by bacteria and or mold growth.

#### Acidifying a New Barrel

It is recommended that an acidic environment be created in a new barrel, which is about to receive wine for the first time. Dissolve in water 2 Tablespoons of *Citric Acid* for every five gallons of barrel capacity. Fill the barrel and check to make sure it isn't leaking. Drain the acid water and fill the barrel with wine.

# Cleaning at each Wine Racking

Once a barrel has been used for wine storage, additional cleaning and sanitation measures are required. At each racking, rinse the barrel thoroughly with water to remove debris. Follow by rinsing the barrel with an acid wash. Dissolve 2 Tablespoons of *Citric Acid* in five gallons of water, sloshing this mixture around the interior surfaces of the barrel for 5 to 10 minutes. Drain, and refill the barrel with wine.

#### Preparing for Storage

It is always best to keep a barrel full of wine. When this is not possible, start by removing the organic matter that has penetrated into the surface of the wood. This is done with a solution of *Proxycarb*, a sodium percarbonate based cleaner.

Use 4 oz.

(or 8 Tablespoons) of Proxycarb for every 15 gallons of barrel capacity. Dissolve in a small amount of water, and funnel the mixture into your barrel. Fill the barrel the rest of the way with water. You may leave this mixture in the barrel for as little as 20 minutes or as much as 24 hours. If the barrel has VA (volatile acidity), double the amount of Proxycarb and leave for 24-48 hours. Drain and rinse the

barrel several times with water. Re-acidify the barrel

using one ounce or 2 Tablespoons of *Citric Acid* for every five gallons of water. Slosh this all around and drain. Now prepare for storage.

#### Short Term Storage

If it will be less than two months before the barrel is used again, drain the barrel, and fill with a *Sulfite* and *Citric Acid* solution. Use one teaspoon of *Potassium or Sodium Metabisulfite* powder, along with 1/3 teaspoon of *Citric Acid* for every 15 gallons of barrel capacity. Add enough water to fill the barrel and bung the barrel tightly. Check to make sure sulfur can still be detected inside the barrel, replacing the solution if necessary. Rinse with water before refilling

with wine.Long Term Storage If it will be more

#### **Cleaning Step by Step**

 Drain wine from barrel and hose out visible solids until clear.
 Add 4 ounces (8 Tablespoons) of Proxycarb for every 15 gallons of barrel and fill with water, let stand 2

 24 hours.

3. Drain out cleaner and rinse until water is clear.

4. Acidify barrel with one ounce (2 Tablespoons) Citric Acid for every 5 gallons water. Either make this into a volume to fill barrel, or just slosh around a 5 gallon volume and then drain.

5. No water rinse is required after the citric rinse.

than two months before the barrel is used again, drain the barrel and leave it upside down overnight. Next burn a *Sulfur Strip* in it, hanging it down at least 6 inches below the bung on a wire. Replace the bung. Remove the sulfur strip after about 15 minutes, and bung the barrel tightly. Burning sulfur releases sulfur dioxide gas into the barrel's interior.

Repeat every two weeks (as needed) until a flashlight reveals no shiny dampness in the bottom of the barrel. Bung up the

barrel and store it in a dry place until needed, allowing enough time to soak up and acidify the barrel before the next use.

## **COPPER TREATMENT**

Burnt rubber? At Sonoma Raceway, it's a normal aroma. But if you smell it when you rack your wine, you have a problem. "Burnt rubber" is one of many unpleasant descriptors applied to the **volatile reduced sulfur** (**VRS**) compounds than can occur during the fermentation and aging of wine. Much easier to prevent than correct, these compounds interact with each other, and the wine, in very complex ways. Simply stated, if you detect this kind of aroma, fix it quick!

The simplest, and generally first, **VRS** to appear is **Hydrogen Sulfide**, **H**<sub>2</sub>**S**. It is commonly described as smelling like rotten eggs (peuw!). Since humans can detect the smell when the concentration in wine is only one or two parts per billion, it doesn't take much to make the wine very unpleasant. While "over sulfuring" in the vineyard (by the vineyard manager) is the most frequently cited cause (by the winemaker), those of you who grow your own grapes and then make the wine have no one else to blame! (Try to go at least 35 days between the last sulfur application and harvest). But let's face it: a much more frequent cause is lack of nutrients—primary amino nitrogen or certain vitamins—during primary fermentation. You can address prevention of that problem by analyzing your juice nutrient level as decribed on pg 10.

But let's suppose the odor shows up anyway (which it may). The most conservative treatment is to aerate the wine during racking—splash it into the receiving vessel (but be sure your free  $SO_2$  level is up where it should be prior to the splash racking—otherwise you may oxidize your wine, turning it brown and Madeira-like). A more effective solution is to treat with copper. When exposed to copper, the sulfide combines with

the copper to make copper sulfide, which is not soluble in wine. While some books will tell you to just run the wine over a sheet of copper, our experience has not found this technique highly effective. Instead, the direct addition of a small amount of 1% copper sulfate solution is usually quite effective. Add it at a rate of 3/4 of a milliliter (mL) for every gallon of wine. This will give you a maximum level of 0.5 ppm (mg/L), which is the level allowed in commercial wine. If you must treat the wine again to completely clear the sulfide aroma, you may want to remove residual copper by adding yeast hulls (at a rate of 5 grams per gallon), stirring frequently, and racking again in a few weeks. For the copper treatment alone, rack after a couple of days to leave the black copper sulfide behind (at part-per-million levels you may never see it, but it's there!).

If you have not promptly removed  $H_2S$ , your wine may go on to develop more complex VRS compounds. Next in line are the mercaptans: methyl mercaptan smells like burnt rubber or rotten cabbage and ethyl mercaptan smells like burnt matches or dirty ashtrays. These are not volatile enough to remove by aeration, but copper (just as for  $H_2S$ ) still works. To check for possible effectiveness, clean a copper penny in a mild acid solution (a little citric or tartaric in some water). Place your now-bright penny in a wine glass, add wine, and swirl. Let it stand for a minute or two, and the bad smell should go away if you have a copper- treatable problem. Follow the instructions in this article and your wine should clean up.

So let's go back to the top: 35 days after last sulfur before harvest. Adequate nutrients. Aerate (with  $SO_2$  present) if necessary. Treat with copper if the sulfide aromas don't go away.



# 2015 WINEMAKING EQUIPMENT

#### **Grape Presses**

Wooden cage with steel base on legs, lets you quickly and smoothly press fermented red grapes or crushed white grapes.

01	Basket	Basket		Capacity	Retail
Model	Number	Diameter	Height	In Gal.	Price
WE02	#25	10"	14"	5	\$350.00
WE03	#30	12"	17"	7	\$425.00
WE04	#35	14"	19"	12	\$525.00
WE05	#40	16"	21"	18	\$625.00
WE06	#45	18"	24"	25	\$750.00
WE07	#50	20"	26"	34	\$850.00
WE49	#30	(All Stainless (	Cage and Base and	Legs)	\$875.00
WE27	#40	(All Stainless (	Cage and Base and	Legs)	\$1095.00

# Piston Top Basket Press with Hydraulic Ram on frame with wheels.Very easy to use, withtilt frame for draining. Similar one barrel capacity to a #50 basket press.\$2399.00WE50 Piston, manual Hydraulic Press on wheels #5020" x 26"\$2399.00

Water Bladder Press inflates with regular garden hose pressure, pressing the grapes										
against the stainless steel cage, while a lid retains the grapes. (Shown right.)										
WE55	80 Liter	17"	23"	20	\$1395.00					
WE46	160 Liter w/ wheels	21"	28"	40	\$2895.00					

#### **Crushers**

Crushers:	Manual	rollers	crush h	ov simi	p1v	turning	the fly	wheel	supp	lied.
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Dimen	ons of WE12 and 13 Bins: 21" x 32", WE35: 21" x 21"	
WE12	Double roller grape crusher with paint finish    \$300.00	
WE13	Double roller grape crusher, stainless	
WE35	Boxed double roller grape crusher, stainless (OK for UPS)\$325.00	

#### **Crusher/Destemmers and Destemmer Only**

#### Large Storage Tanks

Variable Capacity Stainless Wine Tanks - flat bottom - come with a lid, gasket, pressure relief valve and drain.

WE43	100 Liter Stainless tank (26 g.)	\$400.00
WE40	200 Liter Stainless tank (52 g.)	\$550.00
WE42	300 Liter Stainless tank (79 g.)	\$650.00
WE44	400 Liter Stainless tank (106 g.)	\$775.00
WE45	500 Liter Stainless tank (132 g.)	





WE55 801 Bladder Press



WE25 Crusher/Destemmer



WE28 3 Spout Bottle Filler

#### **Fillers**

WE19 Plastic Model 3 Spout Bottle Filler	\$159.99
WE28 All Stainless 3 Spout Filler	
Filler comes w/drip tray(shown above)	\$475.00
WE29 All Stainless 5 Spout Filler	
Filler comes w/drip tray	\$625.00

Equipment is priced for pick up at the store. Call for a freight quote for delivery.

# **KITS AND JUICE**

#### "Premium" Wine Equipment Kit

Complete with a ten gallon primary fermentor and lid, a six-gallon



PET Plastic Bottle secondary fermentor, an air lock and stopper, 25 Campden tablets, a siphon assembly, a bottle filler, Mini-Floor Corker, 25 Corks, Country Wine Acid Testing Kit, Hydrometer and Test Jar, a Bottle Brush, TDC cleaner, BTF Sanitizer and the book Home Winemaking Step By Step, Iverson. BNW01 .....\$224.99 (Note: For White or Blush Wine, kit includes 5 gallon PET Plastic Bottle in place of the bucket and lid.

#### Pure Italian Juice Wine Kits

Mosto Italiano® kits are aseptically packaged in plastic pails, that also serve as the primary fermentor. 23 liter kits are a complete package of ingredients to make 6 gallons. Ready in three months.

(R = red, W = white, B = blush)

CO30	Cabernet Sauvignon (R)	\$119.99
CO31	Chardonnay (W)	\$114.99
CO33	Gewurztraminer (W)	\$109.99
CO39	Pinot Grigio (W)	\$109.99
CO32	Sangiovese (R)	\$119.99
CO37	Zinfandel Blush (B)	\$109.99
CO34	Shiraz (R)	\$119.99
CO35	Zinfandel (R)	\$119.99



#### **Canned Grape Concentrate**

Choose your Varietal, 46 oz 68° Brix.

(CO06) Burgundy \$19.99 (CO03) Cabernet Sauvignon, \$19.99 (CO08) Chardonnay, \$18.99

(CO02) Chenin Blanc, \$16.99 (CO05) Muscat \$21.99,

(CO01) Zinfandel \$19.99 (CO07) Petite Sirah \$18.99

#### Seedless Fruit Puree

Each can of fruit puree from Oregon is seedless, with all the goodness preserved in the processing, full of aroma and a deep rich taste and color. Use one can in five gallons of beer, two



cans to flavor a mead or four cans to make wine. The classic wine recipe using four cans of puree, will yield 24 wine bottles of superb fruit wine. Finish it with the addition of a

simple syrup just to smooth the flavor and intensify the berry taste. Reminds us of summer even in the dead of winter and tastes great for several years, if you can wait that long, but is ready to drink in three months. 49 oz. can.

FL44 I	Raspberry Puree	\$19.99
FL47 <b>I</b>	Blackberry Puree	\$21.99
FL46 A	Apricot Puree	\$19.99
FL48 §	Sweet Cherry Puree	\$14.99

MS35 Grape Picking Shears,\$8.99
MS16 Grape Picking Knife, Plastic handle\$6.99
MS31 Tote Bins for grapes, Cross stacking, nesting tub
Hold 30 lbs\$18.99
QE36 Grape Masher. (Cap punch tool) 24" long\$34.99
Mesh Pressing Bags:
PS31 14" X 17" w/drawstring \$6.99
PS16 <b>20" X 22"</b> \$5.99
PS15 24" X 20" w/drawstring\$11.99
PS20 26" X 28" w/drawstring\$14.99
QE39 Stainless Coarse Mesh Strainer10 1/4"\$16.99
PS51 China Cap Strainer, 12" perforated stainless,
cone shaped high-volume strainer for all fruits\$24.99

# YEAST & BACTERIA

#### Dry WineYeasts

FRUIT HANDLING

Choose your yeast strain from the information chart provided on page 11. Use one to two grams per gallon and see pages 4 and 6 for directions on how to use the yeast. (Shelf life is 3-4 months)

WINE YEAST	All \$2.29	Varies \$18.99 up
	10 g	4 oz
Assmanshausen	WY38	WY37
Epernay 2	WY22	WY12
French Red	WY30	WY20
Prise de Mousse	wY23	WY13
Rhone #L2226	WY35	WY34
Beaujolais 71B	WY25	WY15
Brunello BM45	WY45	WY47
CSM	WY53	WY56
ICVD21	WY41	WY16
ICV D254	WY44	WY43
M2	WY50	WY49
QA23	WY65	WY67
RC212	WY55	WY57
RP-15	WY24	WY42
Steinberger	WY29	WY19
Uvaferm 43	WY28	WY18

#### Malolactic (ML) Bacteria Cultures

WY32 ML Culture, Wyeast #4007 125 ml. inov	culates 5 gallons
directly. With instructions	\$7.99
WY51 ML Culture, Enoferm Alpha Strain, 2.5 g	g. pack inoculates
66 gallons directly. With instructions	\$27.99
WY66 ML Culture, Enoferm Beta Strain, 2.5 g	. pack inoculates
66 gallons directly. With instructions	\$27.99
WY52 ML Culture, Viniflora™ CH16, 2.5 g. pa	ack inoculates 66
gallons directly. With instructions	\$27.99

#### Malolactic Prevention

WY60 Lysozyme liquid "Lyso-easy" 250 ml. .....\$30.99

#### **SUPPLIES**

001		Acids
A17	Ascorbic, 1 oz.	\$4.50
A05	<b>Citric</b> , 2 oz	\$1.69
A14	<b>Malic</b> , 2 oz	\$1.99
A10	Tartaric, 2 oz.	\$2.99
A24	Acid Blend, Citric, Tartaric & Malic, 2 oz	\$1.99

#### Acid Reduction Agent

FN39 Potassium Bicarbonate (With Instructions) 4 oz. ..... \$ 4.99

#### Sugar

AD15	Corn Sugar,	5 lbs	\$6.99
AD16	Corn Sugar,	10 lbs	\$11.99

#### Enzymes

QR04 Pectic Enzyme, 1 oz	\$1.85
QR61 Lallzyme ® EX Red Wine Enzyme 10 g	\$5.99
QR63 Lallzyme ® Cuvee Blanc White Wine Enzyme	
10 g	\$6.99

#### Yeast Nutrients

QR11 Yeast Nutrient, Diammonium Phosphate, 2 oz	\$1.99
QR42 Go-Ferm ®, Mixing instructions are included for prepa	ring yeas
starters. This is not a fermentation nutrient. 3 oz	\$4.99
QR33 Autolyzed Yeast, 2 oz.	\$2.99
QR16 Yeast Hulls, 2 oz.	\$3.99
QR06 Fermaid K <sup>TM</sup> Yeast Food. Complete nutrient mix v	with trace
minerals, use 1 oz. per 30 gallons. 3 oz.	\$3.99

#### **Optimized Yeast Nutrients**

QR72 Opti-Red	Reast Derivative Nutrient, 50 g\$4.	99
QR74 OptiMUM	I-White ® Yeast Derivative Nutrient,	
50 g	\$5.	99

#### **Optimized Malolactic Nutrients**

QR38	Acti-N	<b>IL</b> Nutrient for MLF for 66 gal. 50g	\$5.99
QR35	Opti N	<b>ML Blanc</b> Nutrient for White or Rosé MLF	for up to 66
gallons	. 50g.		\$5.99

#### Sulfites

CS24 Sodium Metabisulfite, 4 oz	\$2.99
CS20 Potassium Metabisulfite, 1 lb.	\$5.99
CS17 Campden Tablets, Pack of 25	\$.99
CS16 Campden Tablets, Pack of 100	\$2.99
CS33 2 g IO Inodose Effervescent SO <sub>2</sub> Tablets, 3 pack.	One tablet
delivers 9ppm SO <sub>2</sub> in 60 gallons of must or wine	\$2.99
CS34 <b>5 g IO Inodose Effervescent SO<sub>2</sub> Tablets</b> , 3 pack.	One tablet
delivers 22ppm $SO_2$ in 60 gallons of must or wine	\$3.59

#### **Fermentors**

Note: All Plastic Carboys take a #10 Stopper, All current Glass Carboys takes a #6.5 Stopper. Also see Breather Silicone Bungs which fit all of the Carboys without the use of an Airlock.

GL45 5 Gallon Plastic Better Bottle <sup>™</sup>	\$29.99
GL58 5 Gallon PET Plastic Bottle	\$27.99
GL59 6 Gallon PET Plastic Bottle	\$29.99
GL02 3 Gallon Glass Carboy	\$33.99
Note: Check the web for larger sizes of ingredients, cleaners and	nd sanitizers.

GL01 5 Gallon Glass Carboy	\$37.99
GL40 6 Gallon Glass Carboy	\$48.99
GL04 6.5 Gallon Glass Carboy	\$49.99
P01 6.5 Gallon Plastic Bucket with Wire Handle	\$11.99
P02 Lid for 6.5 Gallon Bucket	\$2.99
P61 13 Quart Stainless Steel Pail with Bail Handle	\$21.99
P17 Poly Drum Liner, 6 mil, fits up to 60 gal	\$5.99
P04 10 Gallon Heavy-Duty Plastic Bucket	
with molded handles.	\$20.99
P05 10 Gallon Lid	\$7.99

20, 32 and 44 Gallon Buckets and Lids are available for pickup at the retail store.

### **Drilled Rubber Stoppers**

	SKU	Тор	Bottom	Price
#2	FST09	13/16"	5/8"	\$ 0.69
#6	FST12	1 1/16"	29/32"	\$ 1.09
#6.5	FST13	1 11/32"	1 1/16"	\$ 1.29
#7	FST14	1 7/16"	1 3/16"	\$ 1.39
#8.5	FST16	1 11/16"	1 7/16"	\$ 1.99
#9	FST17	1 3/4"	1 15/32"	\$ 1.99
#10	FST19	1 31/32"	1 5/8"	\$ 2.79
#10.5	FST20	2 5/64"	1 3/4"	\$ 2.79
#11	FST21	2 13/64"	1 7/8"	\$ 4.29
#12	FST23	2 1/2"	2 1/8"	\$ 4.79
Most sizes are available solid, at the same price.				

#### Air Locks and Breather Bungs

FST04	Three Piece Fermentation Lock	\$1.29
FST05	S-Shape One Piece Fermentation Lock	\$1.29
FST47	Carboy Silicone Breather (fits all carboys)	\$8.99
FST42	Breather #11 Silicone - 2"	\$7.99
FST510	Breather #10, Silicone- fits PET plastic	\$7.99
FST49	Breather #9 Silicone - 1.5"	\$7.99
FST57	Breather #7 Silicone- fits glass carboys	\$4.99

#### Solid Barrel Bungs

FST29	Silicone Bung Solid #8 (Fits 1L Flask)	\$2.99
FST40	Silicone Barrel Bung - Joined Size 45 x 54 mm.	. \$7.99

#### Cleaning and Sanitizing

CS12	Soda Ash, Barrel cleaner 1 lb\$1.99
CS29	Sodium Percarbonate, All purpose cleaner 1 lb\$4.99
CS26	TDC <sup>™</sup> Glass Cleaner, 4 oz\$4.99
CS31	TDC <sup>™</sup> Glass Cleaner, 1 Liter\$13.99
CS02	<b>BTF™ Sanitizer,</b> 4 oz\$6.99
CS03	<b>BTF™ Sanitizer,</b> 32 oz\$18.99
QE29	Bottle Brush\$4.99
QE30	Carboy Brush\$5.99
QE31	Double Ended Keg Faucet Brush\$3.99
QE45	Bottle Washer - The Blast\$13.99
QE09	90 Bottle Draining Tree\$39.99
QE44	Carboy Draining Stand\$8.99

#### **Oak Alternatives**

Liquid Oak Extract, from pure Dark French Oak, 4 oz.
B42 Use 2-3 oz. per 5 gallons \$6.99
Oak Chips, 1 lb. Use up to 3 oz. per 5 gallons of red wine.
Specify: B46 American Medium \$5.99, B24 French Medium or
B25 French Dark\$7.99
<b>Oak Cubes</b> , 8 oz. Use 2-3 oz. per 5 gallons. <i>Specify</i> : B44 <b>French</b>
Medium Plus (Dark), or B32 French Medium
WINESTIX <sup>IM</sup> Carboy Sticks Iwo per bag. Use I per
carboy. Specify: B91 American Light, B92 American Medium, or
B93 American Medium Plus\$8.99
B94 American Dark\$10.99
Specify: B95 French Light, B96 French Medium, or
B97 French Medium Plus\$9.99
B98 French Dark\$11.99
Chain-O-Oak <sup>™</sup> Staves (Tank or Barrel Insert)
(30% surface of new oak in a 60 gallon barrel.)
B78 American Medium or B79 American Dark \$59.99
B74 French Medium \$69.99 or B75 French Dark \$69.99
Cellaring Tannins
QR65 FT Rouge Soft - Enological Tannin, 100 g\$7.99
QR67 FT Blanc Soft - Enological Tannin, 50 g\$5.99
QR70 Tannin Riche derived from 100% Toasted French Oak.
Adds finesse to average wine. Use 1/4 to 3g per 5 gallons of red
wine, 10g\$5.99 or QR69 50g size\$24.99
QR79 Tannin Complex derived from traditional oak and the
Quebracho tree from South America. Use 1 to 6 g for every 5
gallons of wine, 50g\$10.99
QR77 Tannin Refresh Unique tannin product derived from
untoasted French Oak. Increases complexity without the aromas of
smoke or toast.Use 1/4 to 4 g for every 5 gallons of wine,
10g\$5.99 or QR78 100g size\$39.99
Oak Barrels

#### **Small American Toasted Oak Barrels:**

B02	American Oak, 2 gallon (SCT)	. \$139.99
B03	American Oak, 3 gallon (SCT)	. \$169.99
B04	American Oak, 5 gallon (SCT)	. \$204.99

#### Vinegar Barrels are Paraffin/Wax Lined (P):

B10 American Oak, 2 gallon (P)	
B11 American Oak, 3 gallon (P)	\$139.99
B12 American Oak, 5 gallon (P)	\$149.99
Charred Oak Barrels for Spirits:	
B49 American Oak, 3 gallon (SCC)	\$169.99
B08 American Oak, 5 gallon (SCC)	\$204.99
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#### Barrel Spigots

#### Wood Spigots (see website for prices and sizes) **Backing Equipment**

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t						\$ .69	

HS03	5/16" i.d. hose per foot\$	.69
HS04	3/8" i.d. hose per foot\$	.69
HS14	7/16" i.d. hose per foot\$	.79
HS05	1/2" i.d. hose per foot\$	.89
HS06	1/2" i.d. Thick-wall hose per foot\$1	09. ا

FST02 Hose Shutoff Clamp for 3/8" hose\$1.69
FST03 Hose Shutoff Clamp for 1/2" hose\$2.99
QE11 Racking Tube 24" length fits 5/16" or 3/8" i.d. hose . \$3.99
QE33 Racking Tube 22" length fits 7/16" or 1/2" i.d. hose \$5.99
QE50 Racking Tube 30" length fits 7/16" or 1/2" i.d. hose \$6.99
QE15 Racking Tube Holder fits Tube QE11\$2.99
QE35 Racking Tube Holder fits Tube QE33\$2.99
Auto-Siphon Racking Tubes:
QE07 Mini-Auto-Siphon for 5/16" or 3/8" hose\$10.99
QE42 Auto-Siphon for 5/16" or 3/8" hose\$14.99
QE43 Auto-Siphon for 7/16" or 1/2" hose\$19.99
QE14 Racking Tube Holder fits QE07 or QE42\$3.99
QE16 Racking Tube Holder fits QE43\$3.99
Pumping Equipment
PS09 <b>Pump- diaphragm style,</b> 110V motor with 1/2" ports.
Also will need to add two PS48 Hose Barb fitings (\$2.99 each) to connect
to 1/2" thick wall hose\$189.99
F31 Filter/Strainer for Pumps (Use with 1/2" hose)\$29.99
PS47 1/2"Female Hose Barb for F31 above. Need two\$1.99
PS36 <b>Procon Brass Pump</b> , 4 GPM, 1/4 HP\$369.99
FX06 Brass pump hose barb fitting, 1/2"x1/2"\$2.99
PS35 <b>Procon Stainless Pump</b> , 4 GPM, 1/4 HP\$479.99
PB05 Stainless pump hose barb fitting, 1/2"x1/2" \$7.99

#### **Fining Agents**

FN06	<b>Sparkolloid™</b> , 1 oz\$ 1.99
FN32	Bentonite, 2 oz\$\$\$
FN07	Isinglass, 1 oz\$ 8.99
FN03	Fining Gelatin, 75 bloom, grade B, 1 oz\$ 1.99
FN22	Polyclar VT (PVPP) (With Instructions) 1 oz\$ 1.99
FN46	Flashgum R ® Gum Arabic Liquide. 25% solution,
4 oz	\$ 6.99

#### Sulfur Reducing Agents

FN47	Reduless®, 10g. Yeast hulls with copper\$ 3.99
FN91	<b>Noblesse ()</b> , 10g \$ 4.99
TE24	<b>Copper Sulfate Solution</b> (1%), 4 oz\$ 4.00

### Filtering

F05 Buon Vino Super Jet Filter, Plate & frame filter includes electric diaphragm pump ......\$450.00 (*Must use with F31 above. Filter prevents damage to pump*) **Pads** for Super Jet Buon Vino (Set of Three):

F09	8 Micron Coarse\$4.99, F22 2 Micron	n Medium \$4.99
F21	0.5 Micron Sterile	\$5.99
F03	10" Cartridge Filter Housing, Clear, po	ly housing,
Use	with 10" filters	\$44.99
<b>10</b> " ]	Filter Cartridges:	
F10	3 Micron Coarse	\$12.99

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F11	<b>1 Micron Fine</b> \$1	2.99
F12	.5 Micron Sterile\$1	4.99
Hose	e Barb for Filter Housing Need two. Specify size:	
PS02	2 Fits 3/8" hose\$1.29 or PS03 Fits 1/2" hose\$	1.99

# WINE LABORATORY

#### Sugar & Alcohol Testing

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TE40	Economy Hydrometer has Brix, Specific Gravity,
and Pc	tential Alcohol scales, 9"\$10.99
TE42	Deluxe Hydrometer 3 scale with Thermometer
Use w	ith the tall test jar below, 11"\$15.99
TE39	Hydrometer Proof and Traille\$10.9
TE65	Residual Sugar Test Kit. 36 tests\$29.99
TE23	<b>Refractometer</b> , 0-32° Brix, Automatic Temperature
Compo	ensation, boxed w/padded carrying case\$69.99
TE32	20° Brix Calibration Solution, 2 oz \$3.99
TE13	Vinometer, Estimates alcohol in dry wine\$7.99

#### Sulfite and Acid Testing Kits

TE103 **TA Titration Kit - INDICATOR Method Includes:** Buret Stand, 10-mL Class A glass Buret with Teflon Stopcock, Buret Clamp, 10-mL Syringe, 10-mL Graduated Pipet, Pipet Safety Bulb, 250-mL Flask and 0.1 N Sodium Hydroxide, Phenolphthalein Indicator solutions......\$109.99

TE104M **TA Titration Kit - pH Meter Method Includes**: the TA Titration Kit above minus the 250 mL Flask and adds the Milwaukee pH meter, pH Buffer Kit and 400 mL Borosilicate Glass Beaker.....\$249.99

#### Vinmetrica Wine Analysis Test Equipment

TE164 VINMETRICA SC-300 - Combination TA Titration, Free and Total S0<sub>2</sub>, and pH Tester - The Vinmetrica SC-300 analyzer gives accurate SO2, pH and TA values. Kit includes everything to perform ~50 sulfite tests & 30 TA tests: SC-300 meter, S0<sub>2</sub> and pH electrodes, all reagents, transfer and sampling pipettes, syringes and two titration beakers .......\$399.99

TE162 **VINMETRICA SC-100A - Sulfite Tester** The Vinmetrica SC-100A analyzer gives accurate SO2 . Kit includes everything to perform ~50 sulfite tests. SC-100A meter, SO<sub>2</sub> electrode, all reagents, sampling and transfer pipettes, syringe and titration beaker.....\$269.99

TE161 **VINMETRICA SC-50 - Malic Acid MLF Tester** (*SC-50 Kit is an add-on to either of the two kits above.*) The SC-50 analyzer gives reliable malic acid concentrations to determine MLF completion. Kit includes everything to perform 5 Malic Acid tests: the reagent set, 5 reaction vials, check solution, beaker, pipettes and conical tube. ......\$139.99

#### pH Testing

TE203 Milwaukee pH Meter Manual, portable pH Meter,
Milwaukee model MW102, 0-14pH, ATC. Comes with 9V Battery, pH
and Temperature Probes, and 4, 7 sachet buffer solutions. Resolution 0.01
pH and 0.1 degree C. Accuracy (25C) .02 pH\$129.99
TE203-RP Replacement Electrode for MW10\$49.99
TE73 Waterproof pH Testr20 Digital, battery operated, accuracy to
0.01 pH. Automatic temperature compensated, double junction electrode
can be replaced\$104.99
TE35 <b>Replacement Electrode</b> for pH Testr20\$69.99
TE206 Complete pH Buffer Solutions Set with 4 oz. each of
pH 4.0 and 7.0 in jars. Store cool\$6.99
TE209 Electrode Storage Solution 2 oz\$6.99
TE72 <b>pH Buffer Capsules</b> pH 4.0. and 7.0 Capsules, to dissolve
in 100ml. distilled water to calibrate your meter\$3.99

#### Malolactic (ML) Testing

TE20 Malolactic Chromatography Kit, 6 papers, 4	oz Solvent,
100 pipets, 3 Acid Standards, funnel and Instructions	\$49.99
TE17A Replacement Solvent, 4 oz.	\$10.99
TE22 Replacement Paper, 3 Sheets	\$4.99

TE18 Replacement Acid Standards-	
Set of 3 (Lactic, Malic, Tartaric)	\$8.99
TE19 Replacement Capillary Pipets, 100 pack	\$8.99

#### Labware

Regular Test Jar for 10" Hydrometer.	
TE55 Plastic, 10"	\$4.99
TE08-PMP 100 ml. Graduated Cylinder Plastic	
(Clear Polymethylpentene)	\$10.99

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TE08 100 ml. Graduated Cylinder Glass\$	12.99
TE111 250 ml. Graduated Cylinder Glass\$	14.99

#### Tall Test Jar for 11" Hydrometer

TE56 <b>Plastic</b> 1 1/2" x 14"\$5.99
TE12 1 ml. Syringe,\$.99
TE28 <b>10 ml. Syringe,</b> \$1.25
TE62 <b>10 ml. Pipet,</b> Pack of 20\$17.99
TE36 <b>10 ml. Pipet,</b> Each\$1.29
TE231 100 ml. Graduated Beaker Borosilicate glass\$2.99
TE232 400 ml. Graduated Beaker Borosilicate glass\$4.99
TE233 1000 ml. Graduated Beaker Borosilicate glass\$12.99
TE86 100 ml. Graduated Beaker Polypropylene\$.99
TE87 400 ml. Graduated Beaker Polypropylene\$1.99
TE92 1000 ml. Graduated Beaker Polypropylene\$2.99
TE83 1000 ml. Polypropylene Beaker w/handle\$10.99
TE84 2000 ml. Polypropylene Beaker w/handle\$12.99
TE85 3000 ml. Polypropylene Beaker w/handle\$20.99
TE82 125 ml. Borosilicate Erlenmeyer Flask. (#5 stopper) .\$8.99
TE10 <b>500 ml.</b> <i>Borosilicate</i> Erlenmeyer Flask. (#6.5)\$8.99
TE09 1000 ml. Borosilicate Erlenmeyer Flask. (#8)\$14.99
TE127 2000 ml. Borosilicate Erlenmeyer Flask. (#10) \$18.99

#### Thermometers

TE50 Wine Thermometer, 0-220°F., 1.75" Dial x 8"	Stem, with	
pan clip, recalibratable, Stainless, USA	\$29.99	
TE90 Must or Juice Thermometer, 2" Dial x 12" Stee	m, with pan	
clip, recalibratable, Stainless, USA	\$37.99	
TE37 Floating Glass Thermometer, 8"(40-210°) F.		
and 0-100°C)	\$8.99	
TE81 Fermometer Strip, Monitors temperature from 3	36 to 78°F.,	
stick to tanks or carboys to read surface temperature	\$2.99	

#### Wine Thieves

TE49 Wine Thief, Plastic, One piece	\$5.99
TE48 Wine Thief, Plastic, Assembled of 3 pcs	s\$7.99
TE51 Wine Thief, Glass 12"	\$12.99
TE77 Glass Straight Wine Thief, 18"	\$49.99
TE05 Glass Angled D- RingWine Thief, 18"	\$59.99

#### **Digital Scales**

TE38 **Pico™** 0.1 to 500g, 0.005 ozs. to 1.1 lbs., perfect for winemaking additives .... \$39.99



# **FINAL STEPS**

#### Wine Handling

QE34 Orange Carboy Handle, 3, 5 and 6 gallon size \$7.99
QE47 Blue Carboy Handle, 6.5 gallon size \$7.99
MS02 Carboy Carrier, Nylon Web \$14.99
P16 <b>10 Quart Plastic Pail</b> , Pour out lip and Handle\$12.99
P18 <b>14 Quart Plastic Pail</b> , Pour out lip and Handle \$20.99
P61 13 Quart Stainless Steel Pail with Bail Handle \$21.99
All funnels are white, food-grade plastic.
QE37 Barrel Funnel, 16"\$19.99
QE24 Carboy Funnel, 8" Anti-Splash \$10.99
QE23 Funnel, 10"\$9.99
QE22 Medium, 6" Bottle Funnel\$4.99
QE21 Small, 4" Bottle Funnel

#### **Barrel Maintenance**

CS24	Sodium Metabisulfite, 4 oz	\$2.99
CS20	Potassium Metabisulfite, 1 lb.	\$5.99
B39	Sulfur Strips, 2 strips	\$ .59
B38	Sulfur Strips Bundle of 70 strips	\$18.99
B40	Sulfur Disks aprox. 15 (5 g)	\$4.50
B65	Sulfur Disk Holder, Stainless Steel	\$15.99
MS06	Mildewcide, Barrel Coating, 16 oz	\$9.99
B13	Hoop Nails, Pack of 20	\$1.75
B14	Spiles for Barrels (Fills holes) Pack of 10.	\$1.99

#### **Bottles**

#### (Note: actual shipping rates will apply)

GL 61	<b>Claret 750 ml</b> . Green Push-Up 12/cs	\$11.99
GLOI	Clarat 750 ml Elint Push Up 12/cs	\$11.00
	Purgundy 750ml Antique Crean 12/cs	¢11.00
GL00	Burgundy /Somi. Antique Green 12/cs	\$11.99
GL16	Claret 3/5ml. Flint (clear) 12/cs	\$12.99
GL03	Claret 375ml. Green 12/cs	\$18.99
GL63	Claret 375ml. Flint 12/cs Screw Top	\$12.99

#### **Corkers and Cappers**

BE01	Double Lever Italian Corker\$36.99
BE19	Mini-Floor Corker, Nylon Jaws\$74.99
BE21	Heavy Duty Floor Corker, Chrome Jaws \$179.99
BE07	Super "M" Standup Crown Capper \$44.99
BE05	Emily Hand held Crown Capper\$20.99

#### **Bottle Fillers**

QE17 Bottle Filler, for 5/16" or 3/8" hose	\$4.99
QE02 Bottle Filler, with spring for 5/16" or 3/8" hose.	\$4.99
QE20 Bottle Filler, for 7/16" or 1/2" hose	\$6.99
WE19 Plastic tray 3 Spout Bottle Filler,	.\$159.99
WE28 Stainless Steel Model 3 Spout Bottle Filler,	
Includes bottle tray	.\$475.00
WE29 Stainless Steel 5 Spout Bottle Filler,	
Includes bottle tray	.\$625.00

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#### Wine Corks and Bottle Closures Gum-Backed Label Making Paper. L38--White,

WC11	<b>1 3/4"Chamfered Corks,</b> 25 pack\$10.99
WC06	<b>1 3/4"Chamfered Corks,</b> 100 pack\$40.99
WC14	<b>1 3/4" Twin Disk Corks,</b> 100 pack\$29.99
WC07	1 3/4" All Natural Corks, 100 pack\$40.99
WC13	B 13/4" Twin Disk Corks, 1000 pack\$259.99
WC02	B 13/4" All Natural Cork, 1000 pack\$344.99
TC20	Plastic Champagne Stopper\$ .15
TC21	<b>Champagne Wire</b> \$ .10
TC18	<b>28 mm. Black Top Bar Top Cork</b> \$\$.29
TC28	28 mm. Black Top Bar Top Cork, 100 pack\$ 26.99
S01	<b>28 mm. Metal Screw Cap</b> \$\$.20
S02	<b>38 mm. Metal Screw Cap</b> \$\$.39
S03	28 mm. Plastic Polyseal Cap\$ .45
S04	38 mm. Plastic Polyseal Cap\$.90
BE11	<b>Crown Caps</b> , 144 caps\$4.99

#### **Bottle Design**

Bottle Sealing Wax Available in 7 colors ...... \$12.99 SL26 Black, SL27 Burgundy, SL28 Gold, SL29 Silver, SL31 Blue, SL30 Red, or SL32 Green.

Heat Shrink Plastic Sleeves, Apply to bottle neck with boiling water (212°F.) or heat gun. Specify: SL18 Silver, SL33 Green, SL20 Gold, SL19 Burgundy, or SL49 Black.

Heat Shrink Sleeves quantity of 12	\$ 1.19
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## WINEMAKING BOOKS AND VIDEO

BK140 Home Winemaking S	Step by Step
Iverson	\$17.95
BK20 Micro Vinification	
Dharmadhikari and Wilker	\$46.99
BK12 Techniques in Home	Winemaking
Pambianchi	\$ 21.99
BK40 Modern Winemaking	
Jackisch	\$49.99

BK54 How and Why to	Build a
Wine Cellar, Gold	\$20.00
MG13 WineMaker Mag	gazine
current issue	\$4.99
BK142 Winemaker's Re	cipe Handbook
Massaccesi	\$ 4.99

# **ADDITIONAL BOOKS ON RELATED TOPICS**

#### Grapes

BK80 Great Grapes, Proulx	\$3.99
Cider	
BK70 Cider, Making, Using and Enjoying,	
Proulx & Nichols	\$14.99
BK 165 The New Cider Handbook, Jolicoeur	\$39.99
BK79 Making the Best Apple Cider	\$3.99
Mead	
BK77 Making Mead, Morse	\$18.99
BK05 The Compleat Meadmaker, Schramm	\$19.99

8 1/2 x 11 solid sheet, 18 Sheets	\$7.49
L46 Removable White Matte Labels, Laser & Inl	kjet, 4" X 5",
4 per sheet, 12 Sheets	\$4.99
L47 Standard White Matte Labels, 4 " x 3.3", 6	per sheet
10 Sheets	\$2.99
MS15 Label Glue, 16 oz.	\$9.99
MS24 Iceproof Label Glue, 32 oz	\$12.99
MS26 Manual Label Gluer, Glue Pot	\$369.99
Finishing	Supplies

MS42 Private Preserve <sup>™</sup> , Nitrogen gas blend in a can .	\$10.99
FN35 Wine Conditioner, Sucrose with Potassium Sorba	te. Treats
about 10 to 20 gal. to taste. 500 mL	\$7.99
FN18 Potassium Sorbate, 1/2 oz. treats 10 gallons. Stir i	into
sweetened wine and bottle	\$.99
FN39 Potassium Bicarbonate, lowers acidity in wine/mu	ıst.
Treat wine with 3.4g per gal. to lower .1 TA, 4 oz	\$4.99
MS33 Wine Agitator - The Whip, Nylon, Degasser, 15".	\$11.99

#### Miscellaneous

KEG5	8 Food Grade Lubricant, 4 oz	\$5.99
MS03	Silicone Spray Lubricant, 10 oz	\$11.50
MS09	Gondola Enamel, Food grade paint, 16 oz	\$10.99
MS43	Wine Away™ 12 oz. Spray bottle	\$9.99
QE19	Stainless Transfer Dipper with handle, 2 qt	\$7.99
MS70	Spray Bottle, 32 oz. Use with sanitizer	\$3.49



#### **Other Hobbies**

CH73 The Cheesemaker's Manual, Morris\$39.99
BK32 The Joy of Cheesemaking, Druart and Farnham\$14.99
CH74 Making Artisan Cheese, Smith\$21.99
CH98 Artisan Cheesemaking at Home, Karlin\$29.99
BK100 American Farmstead Cheese, Kindstedt\$40.00
BK01 Brewing Quality Beers, Burch\$7.95
BK84 Making Vinegar at Home, Romanowski\$6.99
BK03 Homemade Vinegar, Watkins\$7.99
BK36 The Compleat Distiller, Nixon & McCaw\$25.00
BK76 Home Sausage Making, Reavis\$16.99

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#### **Two Winemaking Classes**

#### **Beginning Winemaking**

If you are new to winemaking, or just want a refresher, plan to attend our **beginning winemaking class**. You will be given a step by step run through of the winemaking process with demonstrations of equipment and testing supplies. This will be

an opportunity for you to get your questions answered and gain confidence in the ease of becoming a home winemaker. Held in the store classroom, class is on Saturday, **August 29th 2:00 - 4:30 pm. Class fee is \$30.00**, call to reserve your place in class.

#### **Essential Wine Analysis**

Learn wine labratory analysis choices and techniques led by our own Bob Peak with Toua Doherty from **Signature Wine Labs**. Toua and Bob will describe the types of testing offered by the lab and requirements for samples. **First 20 reservations receive a complimentary discount for lab services at Signature Wine Labs.** Held in the store classroom, class is on Wednesday, **August 19th from 6:00 -7:30 p.m.** No fee, RSVP's requested.

#### **Our local Harvest Fair Wine Competition**

http://www.harvestfair.org for entry forms and bottles. Estimated entry dates are August 17-28. Sonoma County Fairgrounds 1350 Bennett Valley Rd. Santa Rosa. Entry is \$8.00, 2 bottles per entry.

#### **Additional Wine Competition Deadlines**

Based on information from 2015. Check websites for 2016.

Drop off entries to a	our store for all the following ev	vents.
Geyserville	http://amateur-wines.com	March 5
Marin County Fair	http://www.marinfair.org	May 22
Sonoma/Marin Fair	http://sonoma-marinfair.org	April 17
Orange County Fair	http://www.ocws.org	May 17
California State Fair	thttp://www.castatefair.org	April 18

Sonoma County Cider Week is coming----November 2015. More details by August.



### **Got Grapes?**

Our grape listing book is a resource for both the winemaker and the grower. Local grape growers can list their grapes for sale. Winemakers can source their fruit by coming in to the shop and taking a look at the listings. If you would like to place a listing, please send us a list of grapes available, pricing, and any other information about your grapes you would like to include. Don't forget to provide your name, address and phone.

# Rental Equipment

#### CRUSHERS

Apple Mill, Grinder and Press, motorized	\$50.00
Grape Crusher, Manual	\$20.00
Grape Crusher/Destemmer, Manual	\$50.00

#### PRESSES

#30	7 gallon Basket	\$30.00
#35	12 gallon Basket	\$40.00
#45	25 gallon Basket	\$50.00

#### FILTERS/PUMPS

Transfer Pump Brass with hose	\$10.00
Transfer Pump Stainless with hose	\$20.00
Buon Vino Plate Filter	
ncludes one set of pads	\$35.00

#### BOTTLING

\$15.00
\$10.00
\$10.00

Rentals are 24 hrs. from noon to noon, and reservations are accepted up to 7 days in advance. We require a \$50 cleaning deposit on most equipment. Cancellations must be made by noon the day prior to your reservation. **Please do not leave phone messages.** Call 544-2520 during business hours to manage your reservation.