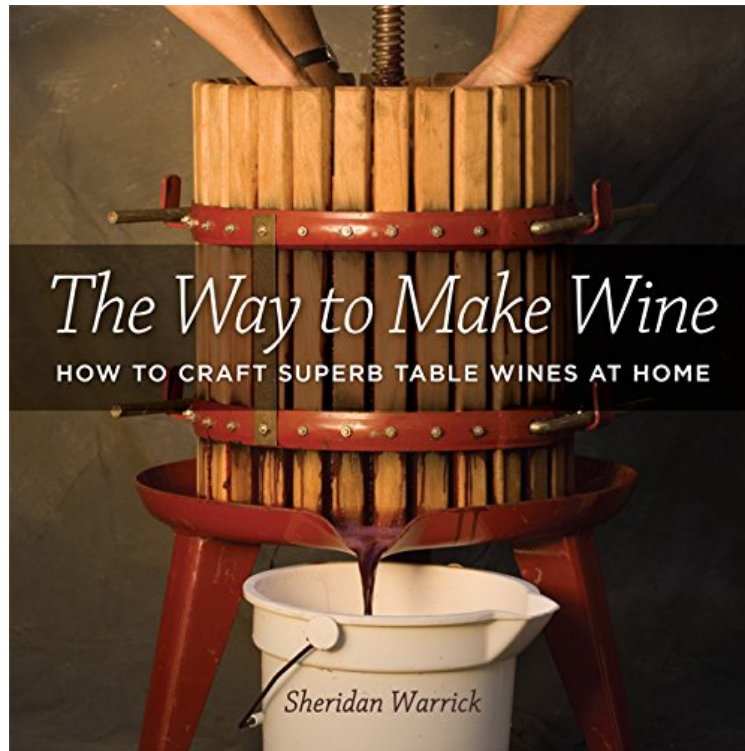


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3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. Not just for those who make wine from grapesBy bernard smithSheridan Warrick's The Way to Make Wine is a wonderful addition to any one who is interested in knowing more about how to make wine at home. While the book is written for someone who may want to make wine from grapes rather than from kits and juice and for those interested in making large quantities of wine even at home, it is also useful for those of us who make wine from from fruits and flowers (country wines) and from honey (meads) in one to five gallon batches.Most books for the neophyte wine maker explain what to do much like a cook book, Warrick goes into the underlying principles and theoretical underpinnings and so helps the reader better understand what is happening in the wine and precisely what certain measurements reveal and what certain processes in fact do to the maturing wine.The book is well written, complex ideas are explained clearly and principles for calculating, for example, how much SO2 needs to be in a wine given its current acidity in order to prevent oxidation and other problems are nicely spelled out. If you are a neophyte wine maker, Warrick 's book answers many of the questions you will have.5 of 5 people found the following review helpful. Better drinking through chemistryBy UrsiformIn days of yore you crushed some grapes, left them out for a few days, and you had wine. It might not be very good wine, but it

was wine. Then winemakers learned ways to better control the process, and that allowed them to make wines of more repeatable quality. When the international wine market reached the masses, local producers had to improve or perish, and winemaking moved more into the realm of science. I knew that many modern wineries have sophisticated laboratories. But I hadn't realized that home winemakers are now "expected" to perform such an array of tests and control so many factors. From adding sugar or water and acid to get the right conditions for fermentation, to choosing the right yeast, to forcing (or preventing) malolactic fermentation, it can become a complex process. But I guess if you are going to go to the trouble of making your own wine, you really want it to come out better than what you can buy in a jug at the grocery store. The bar is high nowadays. I first saw this book in the tasting room of my favorite winery, and figured they wouldn't sell a book that got it wrong. So I later ordered a copy, and it really is a good introduction to the subject. It covers all the steps--and options--clearly but succinctly. The author neither talks down to the reader nor assumes you have a degree in chemistry. (Wet chemistry was not my favorite subject in school.) And as complex as it all reads, I suspect that doing it over the course of a few weeks is actually easier than reading it through in a couple of days makes it sound. If you have an interest in making wine, by all means read this book. Even if it convinces you that it's more trouble than you want to go to, at least you'll better appreciate what went into the bottle from the market.

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By Gene
For me this book is essential to my small library. It is very good on details and explanations. I read one reviewer stated it's far too basic but that's not a bad thing for me. I'd rather have the details spelled out than assuming I understand. I consider that a strong point when making wine since you won't know the end results for about a year and it's better to make sure you do it right. The book doesn't have any recipes so don't buy it if you want that, but it's very good for learning the processes and the reasoning behind them. This book goes very good with *The Home Winemakers Companion* which is long on recipes but short on some details.

Written by a vintner and science editor with twenty-five years experience, *The Way to Make Wine* is the most readable and reliable handbook among the many winemaking guides. In engaging conversational prose, Sheridan Warrick shows that making your own wine is not only easy, but also fun. Geared to everyday wine lovers who want to drink well, save money, and impress their friends, this book reveals everything needed to make delicious wines—both reds and whites—from start to finish. Warrick demystifies winemaking by explaining the nuts and bolts and demonstrating that if readers can replace a faucet washer or cook a pasta sauce, they can make food-friendly wines that cost less than the bottles they're now opening. He enables amateur vintners to equip a home winery, procure top-quality grapes, run a flawless fermentation, and enjoy their wine—its nose, its body, and finish—with renewed awareness and appreciation. At the same time, the author points experienced home vintners to new skills, describing top wineries' techniques. Rich with insiders' know-how, this book also divulges the many advances that have been made in the past few decades and makes clear that, with enologists' innovations, home winemaking is easier than ever. With straightforward illustrations of key steps, this book offers one-stop shopping for anyone who's ever dreamed of making table wines at home.

- * two step-by-step sections: one for beginners, one for experienced home vintners
- * sidebars offer quick tips and key elements of winemaking lore
- * includes the only clear and comprehensive guide to minimizing the use of sulfites in wine
- * section on suppliers and labs provides a wealth of information on sources of fine wine grapes

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