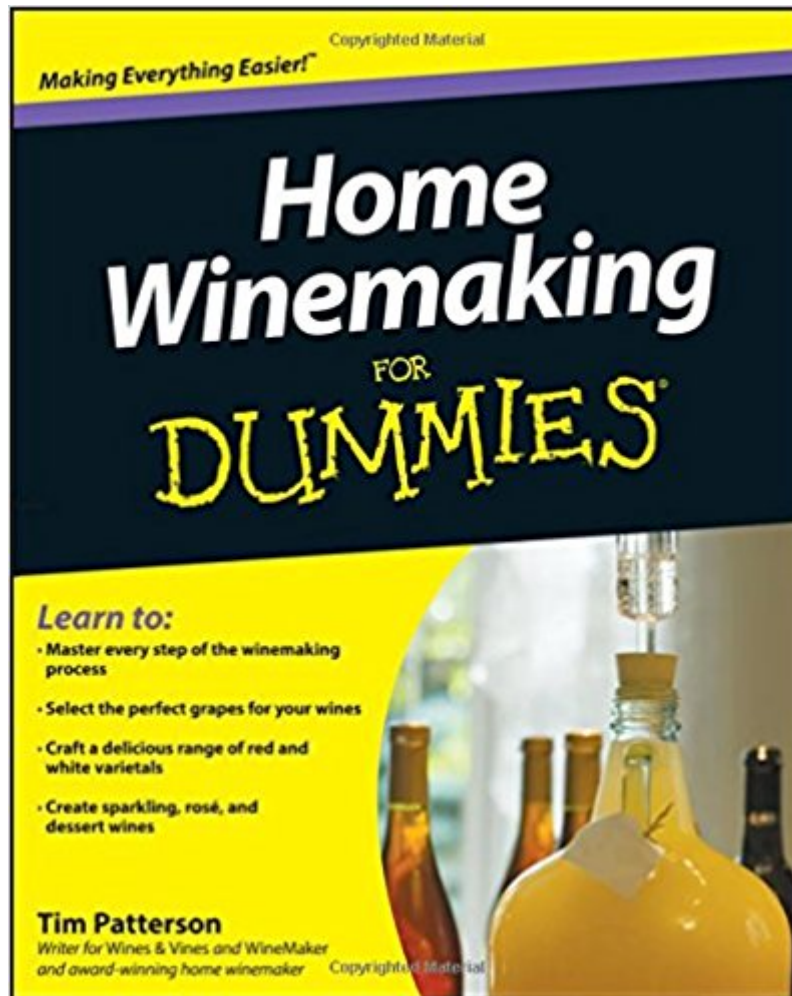




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Home Winemaking For Dummies



Synopsis

An informative, fun guide to making your own wine It's estimated that one million North Americans make their own wine. Relatively inexpensive to make (a homemade bottle costs from \$2 to \$4), a bottle with your own label (and grapes) is a fantasy even someone with modest aspirations can fulfill. Author Tim Patterson, an award-winning home winemaker, shows how it's possible for anyone to create a great wine. In *Home Winemaking For Dummies*, he discusses the art of winemaking from grape to bottle, including how to get the best grapes (and figure out how many you need); determine what equipment is required; select the right yeast and figure out if any other additives are needed; and store, age, and test wine. With detailed tips on creating many varieties -- from bold reds and demure whites to enchanting rosés and delightful sparkling wines -- this guide is your ultimate winemaking resource.

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Customer Reviews

"Tim Patterson is one of the best contemporary writers on wine in the United States. His easy-to-read, engaging prose transforms even the most complicated aspect of making wine and makes it comfortable and understandable. Reading *Home Winemaking For Dummies* -- like having Patterson by your side as a personal mentor-is the absolute best way to tackle the very satisfying process of making your own wine." —Karen MacNeil, Author, *The Wine Bible* "A thorough, practical, and entertaining guide, this text takes tips from the pros and brings common sense and approachability to the art of winemaking. Mr. Patterson's vast experience and contagious passion for the subject make *Home Winemaking For Dummies* an enjoyable read while

the format makes it an excellent reference and allows the reader to delve as deep into the subject matter as he or she wishes. Whether problem-solving or pursuing stylistic ideals Mr. Patterson holds the reader's hand when needed but still encourages creativity within safe boundaries. From sourcing fruit to healthy fermentation habits straight through aging, bottling, and even enjoying home-made wine this guide has you covered at every step - I even learned a few things myself! This book would be a welcome addition to any wine enthusiast's library and is equally accessible to novice and connoisseur."

—Ondine Chattan, Winemaker, Geyser Peak Winery "As a 20-year amateur winemaker with an addiction to winemaking books, I now have a new go-to book for my first reference! After the excellently accurate coverage of basic winemaking, Tim's tome takes the wonderful turn of emphasizing the subtle, and not-so subtle, differences that make the distinctions between the popular varietals - all in one place! Home Winemaking For Dummies is now prominently on my shelf in front of all the textbooks!"

—Dave Lustig, President, Cellarmasters Home Wine Club Los Angeles "Tim Patterson is able to express his knowledge and passion of winemaking in a very understandable, humorous, and practical way. If you follow the advice in this book, you will be able to produce wine that will likely be better than inexpensive commercial wine, and could be as good as any wine ever made. I applaud Tim's effort and wish this book was around when I started making wine."

—Kent Rosenblum, Consultant Winemaker, Rosenblum Cellars, and former home winemaker

Learn to: Master every step of the winemaking process Select the perfect grapes for your wines Craft a delicious range of red and white varietals Create sparkling, rosé, and dessert wines Enjoy making (and drinking) your own first-class wines Making high-quality wines is fun and easy. This must-have guide gives you easy-to-follow instructions in everything from selecting the right grapes and the proper equipment, to the crush and fermentation, to aging and bottling your wine. Award-winning home winemaker Tim Patterson provides tips on how to make every style of wine • red, white, dry, sweet, and bubbly. Soon, your family and friends will be toasting your delectable creations! Equip yourself • get the tools you need and design a functional winery, no matter how small your space Choose great grapes • explore your options, from fresh to frozen, and figure out the quantity you need Make reds that impress • learn proven techniques for red wines, including bold Bordeaux and ravishing Rhône wines Create delicious whites • make Chardonnays and Sauvignon Blancs like the professionals, thanks to expert advice Explore other styles of wine • think pink with refreshing rosé wines and indulge your sweet tooth with delicious dessert wines Age your wine to perfection • weigh the merits

of storing your wine in glass or barrels, and calculate the ideal aging time "Tim Patterson is one of the best contemporary writers on wine in the United States. Reading Home Winemaking For Dummies is the absolute best way to tackle the very satisfying process of making your own wine." — Karen MacNeil, author of The Wine Bible Open the book and find: Winemaking hints and secrets from professional vintners Affordable grape varieties that make tasty wine How to test and tweak your juice before fermentation The yeast strain that's right for your wine Mistakes to avoid and trouble-shooting tips Minor wines with major appeal Whether to use American or French oak — or any oak at all

This is a wonderful achievement -- a book that gives beginners what they need to make wine, but also provides really good detailed information about how the whole thing works, written by someone who obviously had decades of experience.

I've stayed away from Dummies books as I simply don't like the concept. However, I am a fan of the late Tim Patterson and he more than succeeded, even in this format.

Excellent book. Tim Patterson explains it all in simple and understandable terms.

I started my first batch of wine and this book helped with questions I had. I would recommend this. Book.

This was a gift for my dad who is a hobbyist brewer and wine maker. He has been making wine using the kits you would get from a store and he wanted to get into it a little bit more, so asked for this book for Christmas. While the information itself is good, he had mentioned to get everything they say you need to get into this will take over a few thousand dollars. That being said he said the processes seem a little bit more steps than making beer, but the book itself is informative.

It only talks about grape wine like from a winery. I really wanted something about fruit wine.

informative ,but a little general on info and recipes.

I really want to give this a better review but alas, I cannot. I enjoyed the book, but the breakdowns were overly complex. If you are just getting started this is going to be a hard read for you with all of

the scientific information flying at you at once. I was hoping for a dumbed down (literally, for dummies) version of every single winemakers guide I picked but instead got another techosavvy one full of mystery and confusion like the rest. My head spun with the extravagant setups and procedures. If you know and understand the principals of what you are doing it's a great book. If you have done it before and want MORE out of what you are doing it's great as well. If you are a beginner and want a step by step guide on how to make wine? Ask a friend who makes it. That has been the only clear cut answer I have ever gotten. This is more like a science book vs. an instruction manual (for dummies).

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