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*A STEP-BY-STEP
GUIDE TO MAKING WHISKEY*



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Synopsis

Everything you need to know to ferment and distill whiskey right the first time. A fun read, salt and peppered, with the science behind distilling. This authoritative guide book introduces whiskey-making in a easy step-by-step process.

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Customer Reviews

You can burn through this book pretty quick. Its the basics, but enough to get started on your first batch (I think - I haven't tried yet.) If you are impatient like I am and just want to get started quick then this book is probably right for you. If you want to dive into lots of details and history then not so much.

I'm a total novice to distilling spirits and I have been looking for a "step-by-step" guide on the distillation of spirits to get me started. This book is the best of the home distilling books I have read. It contains a good assortment of mash recipes, advice and warnings for the novice moonshiner. This guide does get technical and I found that to be a bit intimidating, but distilling is a science as

well as an art so be prepared to recall your high school chemistry classes. Whiskey making is an art and art is never created by rote. This guide will serve well to encourage those interested in the art of distilling spirits.

Very basic distilling advice, most of which I already had learned. The section on bacteria was interesting but it seems to just scratch the surface. For being a master distiller I would think the author could cover topics much more in depth. That being said, I really only ordered the book for the recipes included. As far as those go, they seem like a great place to start. Nothing too complicated and very straightforward. I intend on using them as building blocks for my own development. I would recommend this book for novice distilling advice, not much more than that.

Easy read with lots of basic information to begin the journey into learning how to make whiskey. Author does get into the science of ester formation and how it influences the taste of whiskey but at a level that is easy to follow and interesting. Few typos but barely noticed them especially as I neared the end of my rye whiskey neat.

I like this book. It covers many of the aspects of whiskey making without getting too carried away in technical jargon. And the jargon used is well explained. From the equipment you need to the recipes for the major whiskey types to used wine barrel preparation, just about everything gets touched on in a writing style that's informative while retaining the right to be humorous and interesting. Why no 5th star? To be blunt: there's a severe lack of depth in some things that is an impediment to exploring whiskey making. For instance, a web link is supplied as one place to look for a still. Unfortunately, the site is very limited in its offering and just running google searches will mostly get you moonshine stills for mounting on your mantle rather than using for any purpose that may or may not be legal in your state. Aging is another area that's glossed over a bit. What's the best environment for aging different kinds of whiskeys? How often should the whiskey be sampled/tested during aging? There's reasons for being skimpy here. In the book, Mr. Davis notes that unless you're going to use a 59-gallon used sherry or bourbon barrel, your results will likely be skewed by things like wood area exposed to the whiskey. And then there's glass aging that he covers, but how much is a "bottle." In short, the information is not as complete as I had hoped. So the loss of a star. But worth what charges for it, by all means, and a very friendly way to get started.

Good introductory book. Fast and easy read and not overly technical. You get a better

understanding of the process involved. You can get started here and have a lot fun with the end result. However, I think there could be better discussion on equipment, options, and resources. As you research equipment options, you have to decide how big a batch you want which is not really covered in the book. I'd get the book again as it answered many questions but then you realize there is a whole lot more to learn if you want to really understand the process and make a top shelf product.

Gift for my friend, loves it

Great book. I'm new to distilling and this book consolidated everything I've read online, and gave me plenty of tips I hadn't seen anywhere else. Cant wait to make my first batch using these recipes. Easy to follow instructions written in layman's terms. Perfect for what I needed at this stage in my hobby.

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