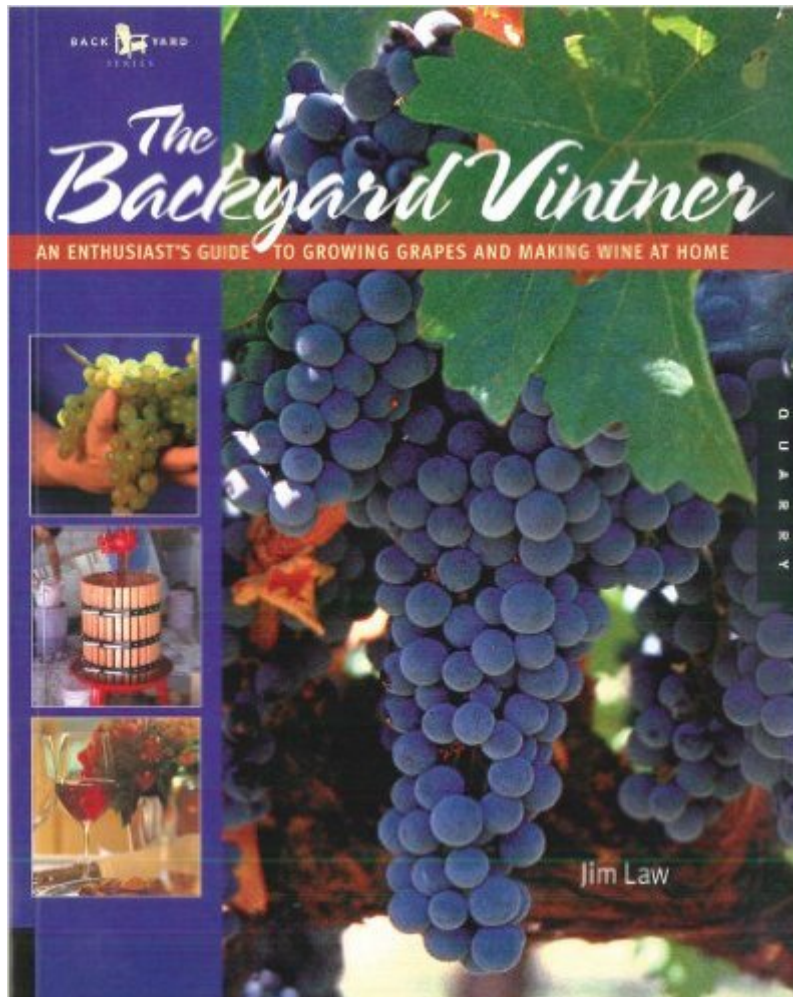


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# The Backyard Vintner: An Enthusiast's Guide To Growing Grapes And Making Wine At Home



## Synopsis

Welcome to your own personal wine country, where you will discover recipes and techniques for making and evaluating fine red, white, and rose wines from one of America's finest winemakers. This accessible guide teaches new and advanced enthusiasts how to select, grow, and harvest grapes that are suited to the different regions around the country, and then, how to make authentic artisan wine from them. If you've ever wanted to make homemade wine but never thought you had the space or ability to make it, you will love this book. The Backyard Vintner is a handy guide to at-home winemaking that teaches the readers the tips and tricks of the trade. With inspiring full-color photographs and step-by-step illustrations, this hardcover reference guide also provides recipes and techniques for making and evaluating fine red, white, and rose wines. The Backyard Vintner teaches you how to start and maintain a vineyard, and provides vital information on topics like planting, trellising, and pruning grapes. With chapters on planting and caring for your grapes, picking, fermenting, fine-tuning the elevage, and bottling your wine, this is a comprehensive guide for do-it-yourself enthusiasts.

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This book is divided into two parts: The first explains how to grow grapes while the second part focuses on how to make the wine. Very beautiful pictures are presented along the book and make it very enjoyable for reading. However, the amount of information is rather limited. For instance, the explanations about diseases in grapes or the pruning procedure are rather telegraphic, and

unsatisfactory. Much better explanations may be found in "The Grape Grower" by Rombough or "From Vines to Wines" by Cox. I find the second part of the book somewhat better. I especially liked the "homework assignments" which supposedly help to develop the organoleptic senses.

This book is impressive from the moment you open it. Beautiful big full color photos and multiple illustration and diagrams. Written by professionals with many insightful details, examples and enthusiastic step by step instructions. After reading the first half- (The grape growing half) I believe I have enough information to select plants and grow a wonderful vineyard specific for my land and produce tons of fruit. The second half I may read later but I'm not very interested in producing wine. I'm sure it is just as detailed and informative . I believe this book is the one you must have if you are beginning or need to up grade you vineyard It appears to have plenty of information in a clear and easy to read format that would benefit the experienced farmers as well.

This book provides usefull and pertinent information all the way from the grape planting process to the wine making process. He walks you through every step carefully, but does not suggest a robotic structure for making wine, he leaves open oppertunies to show your own creativity.

I've purchased several "how to" wine books and this one is good, but not great. I would not rely on it as my only reference. Rather, it makes a very good companion for "From Vines to Wines."

if your wanting to grow grapes for wine/jelly/food this book is very good. I looked through a many books before buying this one and have gone through it while enjoying the pictures many times since its arrival.

Great book on growing your own grapes and making your own wine. However, from the pictures in the book, I'd say the vineyards pictured are folks with pretty elaborate, large-scale operations in "backyards" most of us could only dream of.

this is an excellent book for anyone starting a vinyard, (or taking one over)and is intended for the serioushome winemaker who's goal is to make a 'professional' style of wine. it has been a good reference for me every step of the way from designing the vinyard (my little half acre) growing the grapes, when to pick (in detail!) and how to make the wine, to aging and bottling.

I have a three year old jumble of vines that I just could not figure out how to prune correctly. This book does a great job of explaining pruning. Plenty of diagrams and explanations to assist the reader in making the needed cuts on precious vines. In this book the author, Jim Law, encourages the reader to allow the wine to develop as it will without chemical interference from the human. If you are looking for a recipe book, this is not the one for you. If you are looking for a book that will encourage and guide you in your long quest to become a comfortable vintner, then this is your book.

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