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Forget farm to table - go from garden to glass!

There's no feeling quite like cooking with home-grown carrots or grabbing a fresh handful of cilantro from your own yard. Well, unless you're growing fruits, vegetables, or grains for brewing that is. Gardening for the Homebrewer is an introduction to the wide variety of plants that you can use for fermentations or infusions. Learn how to tell if your yard is a perfect site for barley or whether it's better suited to a fragrant collection of herbs. Learn how to grow, dry, and store fresh hops. Or go off the beaten path and grow everything you need for your first gruit, cider, perry, or fruit wine. Have just a balcony or a windowsill? No problem! A variety of plant recommendations will suit gardeners of all types, even ones with limited space.

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## **From Reader Review Gardening for the Homebrewer: Grow and Process Plants for Making Beer, Wine, Gruit, Cider, Perry, and More for online ebook**

### **Rob says**

As advertised, this book is more about gardening than it is about homebrewing. That being said, everything that it does discuss about gardening is in the service of homebrewing, whether that is the growing of ingredients, harvesting them, preparing them, or incorporating them into homebrew formulations. Beers, wines and country wines, ciders and perries, liqueurs (though meads are notably absent!) -- all of them get some at-least-satisfactory treatment.

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### **Emily Khan says**

An aptly titled book. Gardening for the Homebrewer speaks to a niche audience of experienced homebrewers who would like to expand their craft by growing fresh, heirloom, or hard-to-source ingredients. This book covers a lot of territory on both the gardening and homebrewing sides of the equation. The information is accessible—presented clearly, but colloquially, with a touch of humor that makes the book a pleasure to read as well as reference. Gardening for the Homebrewer does not attempt to delve into great, scientific detail. Rather, it establishes a solid foundation of knowledge and language to facilitate further exploration--a great way to dip your toes into the world of brewing your own beers, wines, grain, cider, perry, and more.

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### **David Stevens says**

A wonderful reference book that is a pleasure to read. Let's start with the aesthetics. Full of beautiful color photos, reading this book is like holding sunshine in your hands. Plenty of lovely botanical close-ups and garden shots, bringing the subject plants to vivid life.

For the novice gardener, the book is a great primer on how to get started. The advice is accessible and easy to follow. For the experienced gardener, there are plenty of advanced tips and tricks to make the book worth your while.

For the home brewer, the book is exploding with useful, and in many cases, little known uses for a wide variety of plants in creating and flavoring homemade beers and spirits.

Finally, for the botanist, the book is loaded with scientific and historical information about a great many edible and aromatic plants.

This is a beautiful and fun book that would make the perfect gift for the brewer, gardener, or beer enthusiast in your life.

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### **Michael Natrin says**

Good photos and descriptions. Not many recipes, just gardening instructions and plant ideas. Good info though.

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### **Skyler says**

A fascinating book about gardening with plants for making your own beer, wine, cider, and herb infused liqueurs. The witty text is laden with information about the best apples and pears for cider and all the different sorts of grapes and hops. I want to have cider made from Foxwhelp apples! I'd love to try cucumber or hot pepper beer. I now know the real name for pear cider. Illustrated with beautiful photos, with instructions about how to make your own delicious drink concoctions, included herbal liqueurs that sound easy to create.

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### **Janet says**

I thoroughly enjoyed reading Gardening for the Homebrewer. Backyard gardening just found a new friend with the home brewer. This book shares not only gardening tips and plant recommendations but brewing ideas. You can grow hops in your garden and begin to create your own homebrew. Wine from your own grapes? Sure! Authors Debbie Teashon and Wendy Tweten talk about grape growing, pruning and variety selection. You say you grow herbs? Herb infused spirits give a whole new dimension to basil, thyme, lavender, and many many more.

Ciders, ales, gruits (I know, a new word!), wine, beer, and spirits; whatever your preferred beverage can start with goodies from your garden. Well written and wonderful photos.

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### **Elena says**

This is one area of gardening that has not been covered before now. I enjoyed learning about all sorts of wines and the possibilities not considered. Great book for gardeners and those who wish to dabble in wine, beer or spirits!

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