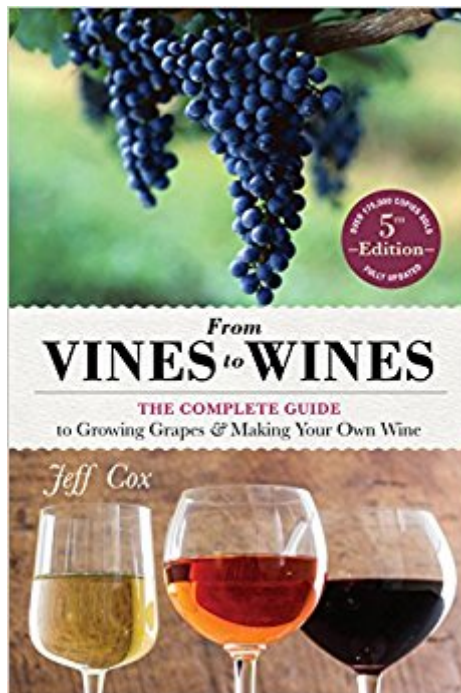




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From Vines To Wines, 5th Edition: The Complete Guide To Growing Grapes And Making Your Own Wine



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From planting vines to savoring the finished product, Jeff Cox covers every aspect of growing flawless grapes and making extraordinary wine. Fully illustrated instructions show you how to choose and prepare a vineyard site; build trellising systems; select, plant, prune, and harvest the right grapes for your climate; press, ferment, and bottle wine; and judge wine for clarity, color, aroma, and taste. With information on making sparkling wines, ice wines, port-style wines, and more, this comprehensive guide is an essential resource for every winemaker.Â

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Take It from Grape to Glass In this classic guide to winemaking, Jeff Cox walks you through the entire process, from selecting the vines and growing the grapes to fermenting and bottling -- and finally, tasting -- your wine. The fifth edition includes profiles of successful home winemakers, as well as sections on ice wines, port-style wines, late-harvest or dessert wines, cold-hardy grapes for northern states, and sparkling wines.

Jeff Cox is the author of 17 books on food, wine, and gardening, including *From Vines to Wines* and *Cellaring Wine*. He is a contributing editor to *The Art of Eating* and *The Wine News* and is a frequent contributor to *Decanter*. He has been the host of two television series, *Your Organic Garden* on PBS and *Grow It!* on HGTV. Cox lives in Kenwood, California.

Best I have seen on pruning. All other books I have looked at throw words at you without explaining what each refers to. This one not only says what the technical words are, but also gives drawings. Some reviews complain that not all pruning systems are covered. If you are growing a few vines in your back yard, this book will do you just fine. If you are growing commercially, you should be consulting local government agencies. But even then, you might find this book will help you understand the more advanced or up to date advice.

This book is supremely well written. The step by step instructions actually give me a hint of confidence to try and develop a vineyard on my 5 acres. So far im planning to plant only 2 acres but I've been overwhelmed by the process. This book helps me feel educated in the proper workflow required to take on a project like this. Now the hard part. What varietals to plant and how much of each. Also need to find some professional help. With the appendices and references stated in this book finding help will be much easier. All I can say to Jeff Cox is thank you for providing a treasure trove of info at such a slight cost. The read itself is payback enough for what the book cost. The info in here is priceless. I hope you are getting \$50 a book for use as a college text.

This is not a huge book, so it can't possibly cover everything about growing grapes and making wine. But it is a very good primer and will give you an idea of the steps involved in establishing a vineyard, growing the grapes and making wine. It is probably stronger on the growing section. Really great pictures of different trellising systems and pruning. I also liked his approach towards pest and disease management. Start with the least harmful application and only go to "hard stuff" in cases of total infestation. And by hard stuff, we are still talking OMLI listed pesticides and herbicides. Let nature work with you. The only thing, and maybe a newer edition would address this... The resources section does not give good resources for the home grower. Many of the vine sources only sell in larger quantities then the average home grower would want. Also, some advice on types of varietals for various regions of the US would be nice. If he continues updating this book, perhaps a matching website would be helpful where additional and updated resources could be offered.

There's more detailed guides out there for professional growers, but for the amateur grower just wanting to get started with a backyard vineyard, its well worth the read. There's some romantic wine tasting silliness in here that may turn you off, and some servings of cheese such as when he describes his wife crushing grapes that I could do without, but it was enough to get me started with

some vines.

This book is even better than the last edition. As a home wine maker of 30 years I still love having this book as a reference. I give it to all of my beginning wine making friends.

I'm preparing for vineyards in Korea. This book is encouraging me to start growing vines and making wines. It will be of use to me who is going to start very soon. By the way please answer me. In page 37, computing the size of a vineyard, 6 feet apart in rows 10 feet apart, totaling 267 vines per hectare. My calculation is $1,792 \text{ vines} = 10,000 \text{ m}^2 / 5.58 \text{ m}^2 = 1.8 \text{ m} \times 3.1 \text{ m}$. Where is 267 from?

Must have for those who make wine and grow their own grapes. We have purchased many copies for others.

One of the best wine books covering all aspects of planting sites to processing the finished product.

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