

# In Vino Veritas



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The Mewsletter of the Right Mobile Brewer's Guild of Caid



### Greetings My Fellow Brewers!

Great Westren is only a few short months away! Soon the organizers will be publishing the information on the Great Western Brew Contest. I hope that all will attend or at least send one entry to it and Taste of Caid.

Summertime in Caid has its own interesting brewing challenges. This is a good time to let that heat work for you with brews made by infusion, like vinegars and cordials. Just remember: try it!

Master Donal O'Brien, Guild Master.

Next Kingdom Meeting:

TBA-Somewhere in Lyonmere June 22 nd- keep your eye grapes peeled to the email!

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DUES ARE DUE

Here is a lot of information from a late period English source dealing with brewing. - Donal

Andrew Boorde 'A Compendyous Regymnet or a Dyetary of Helth', 1542 (1870 F.J. Furnivall edition)

The .x. Chapytre treateth of all manner of drynkes, as of water, of wyne, of alle, of bere, of cycler, of meade, of metheglyn, and of whay.

Water is one of the foure Elementes, of the whiche dyuers lycours or drynkes for mannes sustynaunce be made of, takying they orygynall and substaunce of it, as ale, bere, meade, and metheglyn, water is not holsome, sole by it selfe, for an Englysshe man, consyderying the contrarye viage, which is not concurrant with nature: water is colde, slowe, and slacke of dygostyon. The best water is rayne-water, so be it that it be clene and purely taken. Nexte to it is ronnying water, the whiche doth swyftly ronne from the Eest in to the west vpon stones or pybles. The thyrde water to be praysed is ryuer or broke water, the which is clere, ronnying on pibles and grauayl. Standyinge waters, the whiche be refresshed with a fresshe sprying is commendable; but standying waters, and well-waters, to the whiche the sonne hath no reflyxyon, althoughe they be lyghter than other ronnying waters be, yet they be not so commendable. And let every man be ware of all waters the whiche be standyinge, and be putryfyed with froth, duckemet, and mudde; for yf they bake, or brewe, or dresse meate with it, it shall ingender many infyrmytes. The water the which every man ought to dresse his meate with all, or shall vie bakyinge or bruying, let it be ronnying; and put it in vesselles that it may stande there, ii. or iii. houres or it

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Q: What is the difference between "wort" and "must"?

The art of brewing can be distilled (yes, the pun is intended)down to encouraging yeast to live in a sugary liquid to produce ethanol and carbon dioxide. The terms "wort" and "must" both refer to the sugary liquid that is the yeast's food source.

"Wort" is made by steeping malted grains in hot water to activate enzymes that will covert starches into fermentable sugars. Wort is the basis for both beer and whiskey.

"Must" refers either to juice (from grapes and other fruits) that is fermented into wine or the water/honey mixture that is the basis of mead. The term "must" also describes wine recipes that start with a water/sugar base that is flavored with fruits, herbs, spices, flowers or vegetables.

be occupyed; than strayne the vpper parte thoroughe a thycke lynnyn cloth, and cast the infervall parte awaye. If any man do vse to drynke water with wyne, let it be purely strayned; and than seth it, and after it be cold, let hym put it to his wyne: but better it is to drynke with wyne, stylled waters, specyally the water of strawberes, or the water of buglos, [or the water of borage,] or the water of endyue, or the water of cycory, or the waters of southystell and daundelyon. And yf any man be combred with the stone, or doth buine in the pudibunde places, vse to drynke with whyte wyne the water of hawes and the water of mylke: loke for this water in a boke of my makynge, named "the breuyary of health".

### Of wyne

All maner of wynes be made of grapes, excepte respyse, the whiche is made of a bery. Chose your wyne after this sorte: is must be fyne, fayre, & clere to the eye; it must be fragraum and redolent, hauynge a good odour and flauor in the nose; it must spryncle in the cup whan it is drawne or put out of the pot in to the cup; it must be colde & pleasaunt to the mouth; and it must be strong and subtyll of substaunce: And than, moderatly dronken, it doth acuate and doth quycken amans wytte, it doth comfort the hert, it doth scowre the lyuer; specyally, yf it be whyte wyn, it doth reloyce all the powers of man, and doth nowrysshe them; it doth ingender good blode, it doth comforte and doth nourysshe the brayne and all the body, and it resolveth fleume; it ingendreth heate, and it is good agaynst heuynes and pencyfulnes; it is ful of agylyte; wherfore it is medsonable, specyally whyte wyne, for it doth mundyfye and clense woundes & sores. Furthermore, the better the wyne is, the better humours it doth ingender, wyne must not be to newe or to olde; but hyghe wynes, as malmyse, mae be kepe longe. And bycause wyne is full of furnosyte, it is good, therfore, to alaye it with water, wynes hyghe and hote of operacyon doth comfort olde men and women, but there is no wyne good for chyldren & maydens; for in hyghe Almayne, there is no mayde shall drynke no wyne, but styl she shal drynk water vnto she be maried, the vsuall drynke, there & in the other hyghe countres, for youth, is fountayne water; for in every towne is a fountayne or a shalowe wel, to the which all people that be yonge, and seruauntes, hath a confluence and a recourse to Jrynke. Meane wynes, as wynes of Gascony, Frenche wynes, & specyally Raynysshe wyne that is fyned, is good with meate, specyally claret wyne. It is not good to drynke nother wyne nor ale before a man doth eate somwhat, althoughe there be olde fantastycall sayinges to the contrarye. Also these hote wynes, as malmesye, wyne course, wyne greke, romanysk, romny, secke, alygaunt, basterde, tyre, osay, Muscadull, cap-rycke, tynt, roberdany, with other hote wynes, be not good to drynke with meate; but after mete, & with oysters, with saledes, with fruyte, a draught or two may be suffered. Olde men maye drynke, as I sayde, hyghe wynes at theyr pleasure. Furthermore, all swete wynes and grose wynes doth make a man fatte.

### Of ale

Ale is made of malte and water, and they the which do put any other thynge to ale than is rehersed, except yest, barme or godesgood do sofystical theyr ale. Ale for an Englysshe man is a natural drynke. Ale must have these propertyes: it must be freshe and cleare, it muste not be ropy or smoky, nor it must have no weft or tayle. Ale shuld not be dronke vnder .v. dayes olde. Newe ale is wholsome for all men. And sowre ale, and deade ale the which doth stande a tylt is good for no man. Barly malte maketh better ale then oten malte or any other come doth, it doth ingendre grosse humoures, but yette it maketh a man stronge.

Bere is made of malte, of hoppes, and water: it is a naturall drynke for a Dutche man. And nowe of late dayes it is moche vsed in Englande to the detryment of many Englysshe men; specyally it kylleth them the which be troubled with the colycke, and the stone, & the strangulion; for the drynke is a colde drynke; yet it doth make a man fat, and doth inflate the bely, as it doth appears by the Dutche mens faces & belyes. If the bere be well serued, and be fyned, and not new, it doth qualyfy the heat of the lyuer.

# Of cycler

Cyder is made of the iuce of peeres, or of the iuce of aples; & other whyle cyder is made of both; but the best cyder is made of cleane peeres, the which be dulcet; but the beest is not praysed in physycke, for cyder is colde of operacyon, and is full of ventosyte, wherfore it doth ingendre euvyll humours, and doth swage to moche the naturall heate of man, & doth let dygestyon, and doth hurte the stomacke; but they the which be vsed to it, yf it be dronken in haruyst, it doth lytell harme.

### Ofmeade

Meade is made of hormy and water boyled both togyther; yf it be fyned and pure, it preserueth helth; but it is not good for them the whiche haue the Ilyacke or the colycke.

# Ofmetheglyn

Metheglyn is made of honny & water, and herbes, boyled and soden togyther; yf it be fyned & stale, it is better in the regyment of helth than meade.

# Of whay

whay, yf it be well ordered, specyally that whay the which doth come of butter, is a temporate drynke, and is moyst; and it doth nourysshe, it doth clense the brest, and doth purge redde colour, and good for sausfleme faces.

# Of poset ale

Poset ale is made with hoto my Ike & colde ale; it is a temporate drynke, and is good for a hote lyuer, and for hote feuers, specyally yf colde herbes be soden in it.

# Of coyte

Coyte is a drynke made of water, in the whiche is layde a sowre and a salt leuyn .iii. or .iiii. houres; then it is dronke. it is a vsual drynke in Pycardy, in Flaundres, in Holande, in Brabant, and Selande; hit dothe but quench the thyrste.

To speake of a ptysan, or of oxymel, or of aqua vite, or of I pocras, I do passe ouer at this tyme; for I do make mensyon of it in the Breuyary of health

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# RECIPES!



### Donal's Brandied Lemonade

### Ingredients:

21/2 cups of water

11/4 cup of sugar

1/2 cup of lemon juice

11/2 cup of pinot grigio (or your favorite white wine)

1.1/2 cup of white brandy

2/3 cup of sugar

3/4 cup of 1emonjuice

5 cups of water

### Procedure:

Combine 2.1/2 cups of water, 1.1/4 cup of sugar, and 1/2 cup of lemon juice in a saucepan. Light a high heat under the pan Stir continually until the sugar is completely dissolved. Bring the contents of the pan to a high simmer. Turn the heat down to medium. Simmer for 25 minutes. Turn off the heat and cool to room temperature.

In a large bowl, combine the contents of the saucepan, 1 1/2 cup of pinot grigio (or your favorite white wine), 1 1/2 cup of white brandy, 2/3 cup of sugar, 3/4 cup of lemon juice and 5 cups of water. Stir well until the sugar is completely dissolved.

Pour the beverage into a 2 quart container with lid. Chill overnight in the refrigerator before bottling or serving.

### Notes:

Lemons have been used in beverages in many areas across the centuries. A lemon syrup recipe can be found in \_An Anonymous Andalusian Cookbook of the 13th Century\_, translated by Charles Perry and published in \_Cariadoc's Miscellany\_ by David Friedman.

Recipes for lemon syrups, lemon wine and a distilled "water" of lemon can be found in \_Martha Washington's Booke of Cookery\_, a volume that is dated from the mid-16th century to the early 17th century.

The earliest printed source for a lemonade recipe in England appears in the 1653 edition of La Varenne's \_The French Cook:

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It is made several waies, according to the diversity of the ingredients. For to make it with Jasmin, you must take of it about two handful, infuse it in two or three quarts of water the space of eight or ten houres; then to one quart of water you shall put six ounces of sugar. Those of orange flowers, of muscade roses, and of gelliflowers, are made after the same way.

For to make that of lemon, take some lemons, cut them, and take out the juice, put it in water as abovesaid. Pare another lemon, cut it into slices, put it among this juice, and some sugar proportionably. That of orange is made the same way.

A couple years later (1655), a recipe for 'Lymonade' is found in Ladie Borlase's Receiptes Booke:

To make Lymonade

take 6 pints of white wine & mix it with 5 pints of water & a pint & a half of sirrup of 1em ons, then bottle it upp, & perfume it yf you like it, the sirrup of 1em on must be emade with ye Juice of 1em ons & as much 10 afe suger as will bring it to a bodie for sirrup & not to be boyled at all

Today, lemonade is usually a non-alcoholic beverage made from lemonjuice, water, and sugar. The addition of a bit of white grape juice or white wine to the recipe adds to the beverage's mouth feel and perceived sweetness. The grape juice or white wine imparts a mellowing smoothness to the sharp tartness of the lemonade.

This recipe takes things a step further by adding brandy to the mix. Brandy adds a complex layered flavor profile to the tanginess of the lemon and sweetness of the sugar.

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History of Lemonade by Clifford A. Wright

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# A couple of mixed drinks recipes from Interesting People:

Dame Selene

Larry Niven's Irish Coffee

from notes taken once upon a Loscon. Makes 1 quart for a party.

In a one-quart measuring cup, mix:

- 3 cups of coffee [Larry used Moka-Java]
- 4 heaping Tablespoons light brown sugar



Fill to 1 quart with Irish whiskey [Larry used Bushmill's] and distribute to the waiting tipplers. Top each cup with unsweetened whipped cream.

# Hot Party Punch

by Jon de Cles, one of the SCA founders and longtime Board Member from notes taken once upon a Westercon.

- 1/2 cup Orange Pekoe or Assam Tea [dry tea, not liquid]
- 3 Tbsps. Allspice
- 2-1/2 cups Orange Juice
- 1-1/2 cups Lemon Juice
- 1 cup Pineapple Juice
- 3 whole lemons, sliced thinly
- 3 whole oranges, sliced thinly
- 1 hand-full cloves
- 8 oz. can pineapple punch [I think it was concentrate]
- 1-1/2 cups honey
- 4 quarts water.
- 1. Boil water, put in tea and steep.
- Simultaneously, heat all juices, allspice and honey.
- 3. Strain tea and combine with juice mixture in a big heatproof bowl with fruit and cloves.
- Serve and enjoy!

Hippocras is a sweetened spiced wine served after feasts. Recipes for spice mixtures go back at least to the 1390's (see\_The Forme of Cury\_where it is called 'ypocras'). In general, wine was sweetened with sugar and flavored with cinnamon, ginger and wide array of other spices.

### Ingredients:

1 750 ml bottle of red wine
1 cup of white sugar
1/2 ounce of cinnam on sticks, cracked
1/2 ounce of fresh ginger, chopped fine
1 clove, cracked
1/4 teaspoon of nutmeg freshly grated
10 black peppercoms, cracked

### Procedure:

Pour a bottle of red wine into a clean quart glass jar. Add a cup of white sugar to the wine. Attach a tight lid to the jar.

Shake gently until the sugar is completely dissolved. Take off the lid and add 1/2 ounce of cracked cinnam on sticks, 1/2 ounce of finely chopped fresh ginger, 1 cracked clove, 1/4 teaspoon of freshly grated nutmeg, and 10 cracked black peppercorns to the wine. Reattach the lid and swirl to mix. Let the spices steep for 24 hours. Pour the contents of the jar through a strainer. Try to remove as much of the remaining spices as possible. Serve.

### Notes:

I prefer to use a cheap red burgundy as the base for my red hippocras.

Online Resources:

The Forme of Cury
http://www.pbm.com/~lindshl/foc/



Simple Athol Brose Master Donal O'Brian, OL

Legend has it that the Duke of Atholl overcame his enemies, during a Highland rebellion in 1745, by filling their well with an intoxicating mixture of oatmeal, honey and whisky. (Davidson, Alan (1999). The Oxford Companion to Food. Oxford, New York: Oxford University Press, xix + 892. ISBN 0-19-211579-0.)

The flavor combination of the oatmeal, honey and whisky is a surprise at the first taste. The warming, sweet sensations quickly meldinto a very pleasing whole.

Recipe for 1 quart

Ingredients:

2 cups oatmeal

6 cups of water

1 cup of honey

1 cup of whisky

### Procedure:

Combine 2 cups of oatmeal and 6 cups of water in a large saucepan. Stir well to mix. Put a cover on the pan Light a medium heat under the pan and bring to a boil. Turn off the heat and let sit for an hour.

Place a strainer over a bowl. Pour the oatmeal into the strainer. Let as much oatmeal water as possible strain into the bowl. Discard the oatmeal.

Into a clean quart jar pour in 2 cups of the oatmeal water, 1 cup of honey and 1 cup of whisky. Stir gently until the honey is completely dissolved. Attach a tight lid to the jar. Set the jar aside away from direct sunlight for at least a week to



# Ode to the Irish Brewer

Reinhardt Medebreuer

An Ode to the Irish Brewer,
Brewers of skill no doubt
For it was the Irish Brewer
that gave us Guinness Stout
A cheer for their Irish Brewer,
Every courting man's dream
For it was the Irish Brewer
that gave us Irish Cream
And as we know Irish Cream makes
the ladies quite frisky
And leave it to an Irish man
to teach a cow to give Whiskey.

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