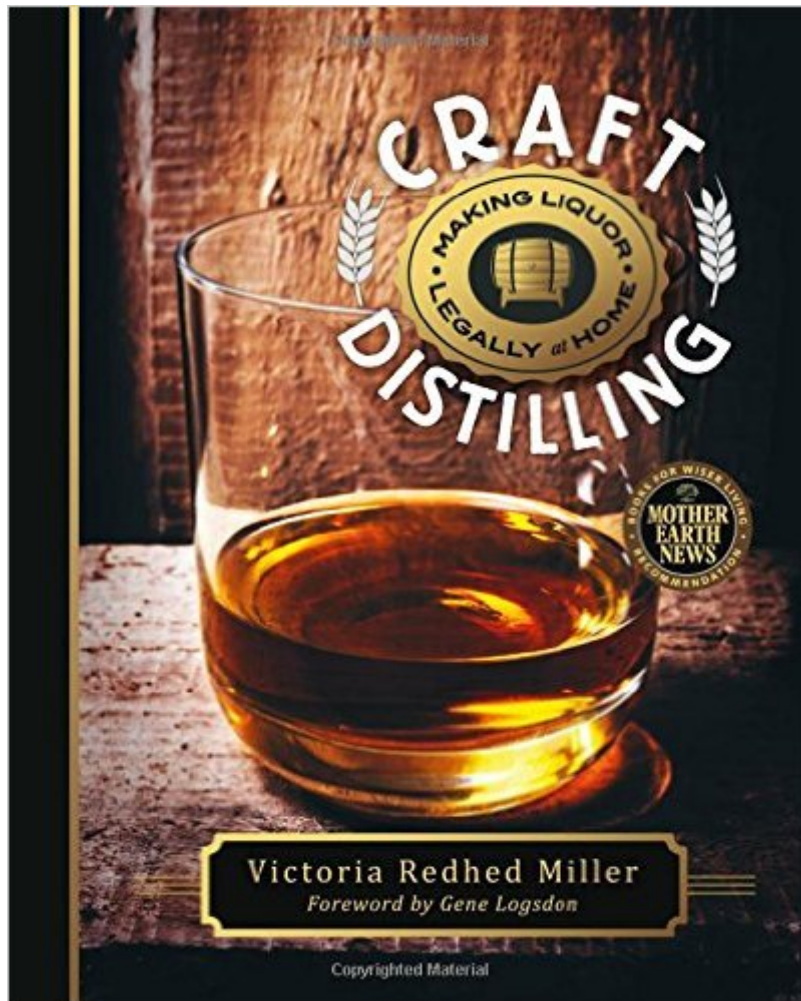


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Craft Distilling: Making Liquor Legally At Home



Synopsis

Many people have experienced great success making their own beer or wine at home. In recent years a number of hobbyists have become interested in making distilled spirits. However, distilled spirits are more complicated to produce, and the process presents unique safety issues. In addition, alcohol distillation without a license is illegal in most countries, including the United States and Canada. From mashing and fermenting to building a small column still, *Craft Distilling* is a complete guide to creating high-quality whiskey, rum and more at home. Experienced brewer, distiller, and self-reliance expert Victoria Redhed Miller shares a wealth of invaluable information including: *Quality Spirits 101: Step-by-step recipes and techniques* *Legal Liquor: An overview of the licensing process in the United States and Canada* *Raising the Bar: Advocacy for fair regulations for hobby distillers* This unique resource will show you everything you need to know to get started crafting top-quality spirits on a small scale and do it legally. Sure to appeal to hobbyists, homesteaders, self-sufficiency enthusiasts, and anyone who cares about fine food and drink, *Craft Distilling* is the ideal offering for independent spirits. Victoria Redhed Miller is a writer, photographer and homesteader who lives on a forty-acre off-grid farm in northwest Washington State with her husband David. She strives to enhance her family's self-reliance through solar energy, gardening, food preservation, raising heritage poultry, blacksmithing, and other traditional skills. Victoria is the author of *Pure Poultry: Living Well with Heritage Chickens, Turkeys and Ducks*.

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