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## Morum's Blackberry Mead

99-936-Black

Original Gravity: 1.063 Alcohol by Volume: 7.20% Final Gravity: 1.016 Difficulty: Advanced

Fermentables: 9 Lbs Wildflower Honey,

Additives: Potassium Metabisulfite, Pectic Enzyme, Go Ferm, Diammonium Phosphate, Fermaid K, Potassium Sorbate

Fruit: 6 lbs Blackberry Puree

Suggested Yeast: White Labs Sweet Mead Yeast, White Labs Champagne Yeast, Lalvin 71B-1122, Lalvin EC-1118

Procedure: Please read all the instructions before you begin making your mead, to insure you have all the ingredients, and you fully understand the process.

- 1. Sanitation: It is important to thoroughly clean and sanitize all of your mead making equipment.
- 2. Add 3 Gallons of warm water to your fermenter. (170° is ideal) If using Spring Water (bottled water) skip Pack 1. If using Tap Water, add Pack 1. Wait 1 hour.
- 3. While waiting, heat 2.5 gallons of water In a Brew Pot to 170°. Remove from heat.
- 4. Add *Honey* to your Brew Pot, stir to dissolve the honey. Pour this into your fermenter.
- 5. Add Pack 2 to your fermenter and stir.
- 6. Add *Fruit* to fermenter, and stir until blended completely.
- 7. Take a hydrometer reading at this time to record the Original Gravity.
- 8. Pitching Yeast: Add Pack 3 and stir gently.
  - a. Sprinkle or Pour the yeast on top, stir gently.
  - b. Affix the lid and airlock to the fermenter.
- 9. After 2 hours, stir vigorously and add Pack 4. Stir vigorously again.
- 10. Fermentation: Fermentation temperature should be between 65-75°F for the duration of fermentation. Be sure to keep your fermentor off of cold floors and away from fluctuating temperatures. Fermentation begins, usually within 24 to 48 hours.
- 11. After 24 hours, stir vigorously and add Pack 5. Stir vigorously again.
- 12. After 48 hours, stir vigorously and add Pack 6. Stir vigorously again.
- 13. After 72 hours, stir vigorously and add Pack 7. Stir vigorously again.
- 14. Secondary: In 3 to 4 weeks, transfer to a secondary fermenter, use caution not to transfer any sediment.
- 15. After 2 to 3 months, the mead should be clear. Before you proceed to the bottling step, ensure fermentation is complete via use of Hydrometer reading.
- 16. Bottling: Rack into your bottling bucket. Add Pack 8\*, Add Pack 9\* and stir vigorously to dissipate sulphites. It is now ready to bottle.

\*If a Sparkling Mead is desired, Do Not Add Pack 8 or Pack 9. Then follow normal bottling procedures for beer. Be sure to cool the must below 100° if the fermenter is glass.

This handcrafted mead will taste best after six months of age in the bottle.

