

# Keystone Homebrew Supply Newsletter

## Essential Oil Extractor & Water Distillation Unit Now available at Keystone Homebrew Supply.

This Unit which is a reflux still can be used to extract essential oils, fragrances and essences from plant material. We encounter essential oils and essence everyday in products we use and consume such as food, soap, perfume, massage oil, potpourri and candles. Many people use these oils and essences for homeopathic medicine and aromatherapy. Thyme, Mint, Rosemary, Rose, Jasmine, Juniper Berry, Citrus Peel, Sandalwood, and Eucalyptus are a short list of plants you might consider using. By extracting your own oils and essences you will know exactly what you are getting. We have books available that discuss the practical aspects of essence and oil extraction. Plant guides should be consulted before experimenting with plants that have unknown properties.

This unit can also be used to distill pure water. Most people actually prefer drinking water with a mineral content like tap or spring water but it is always nice to know you can have access to pure water.

**This 110 volt, 25L unit is priced at \$325.**

**WARNING:** Using this product to distill alcohol is against both Federal and Pennsylvania Laws. Many countries like New Zealand have legalized distillation of alcohol in the home. This unit produced in New Zealand is a perfect example of what the Kiwis use to distill alcohol. Please consult the manufacturer's web site at [www.stillspirits.com](http://www.stillspirits.com) to get more information on this unit and how it works.

## Keystone Homebrew Family Picnic

July 20th...Starts at 4PM goes on till...

For the past 2 years the "Keystone Hops Homebrew Club" has been having a Summer Picnic at Judy & Jim Parsons' House. This year Judy & Jim and Keystone Homebrew would like to extend an invitation to all of the "Keystone Family" including wine, cider and mead makers. Judy and Jim have a great house located on 10 acres just 25 minutes from the homebrew shop. **Here are the details:**

**Who:** You and your family including spouse and children are invited.

**Where:** Judy and Jim Parsons House (Call Keystone Homebrew for directions)

**When:** Saturday, July 20, 2002 Time: 4:00 PM till ????. You are invited to camp out if you like.

**Featuring:** DJ Peter playing all kinds of music from **African to Zydeco**. Favorite music requests can be made or sent (mpeg) to Peter before the picnic at [peter.blaikie@verizon.net](mailto:peter.blaikie@verizon.net)

**Food:** Please bring a dish, dessert, or snack, to share and plenty of homemade beer, wine, cider or mead. Plastic cups, plates, napkins, burgers, (veggie versions provided upon request) hot dogs, and soda will be provided. Gas Grill available for everyone's use.

**Camping:** If you plan to consume a fair amount of tasty libations, please bring a tent, spend the night, and avoid potential trouble with The Law.

**Games:** We have equipment to play Volleyball, Horseshoes, Croquet, and Quoits. Please bring any other outdoor games you like.

**RSVP** by email to [info@keystonehomebrew.com](mailto:info@keystonehomebrew.com) or by phone to John or Jason at Keystone Homebrew Supply (215) 855-0100. Let us know how many people are coming and what food item you will be bringing. See you there!

# Weddings and Keystone

Weddings are often considered the most important day in a person's life. They are full of excitement and celebration. Wine, Beer, and Mead made for the special event can add that extra special touch. It takes a little planning to get things lined up so that you are not rushing to bottle your beverage right before the wedding. Here are some guidelines on the ideal time to start your wedding beverage products.

Times expressed in weeks before Wedding.

| <b><i>Beverage</i></b> | <b><i>Ideal Start time</i></b> | <b><i>Last possible Start time</i></b> | <b><i>Bottle time (weeks from Start time)</i></b> |
|------------------------|--------------------------------|--|---|
| 28 day wine kits:      | 16 - 52                        | 5                                      | 4-6   |
| Selection Wine Kits    | 34 - 104                       | 16                                     | 6-8   |
| Estate Wine Kits       | 34 - 104                       | 16                                     | 8   |
| Mead (honey wine)      | 52 - 104                       | 16                                     | 4 -12   |
| Beer - Standard        | 12 -20                         | 3                                      | 2   |
| Beer - Strong          | 36 - 52                        | 26                                     | 12  |

## Wedding Labels and Keystone

Once your product is finished it is important to have a polished presentation for the wedding guests. A customized label commemorating the day is something your guests will be talking about for years. We feature great labels from 4th & Vine ([www.4th-vine.com](http://www.4th-vine.com)). We stock their full line of labels including many with wedding themes. These labels can be customized using a computer and a laser or inkjet printer and are easy to apply to the bottle; just peel and stick. Totally customized color labels are available through our good customer Bob Trudnak (samples are available at the store.) A matching shrink capsule or colored wax applied to the top of the bottle finishes off the look.

## Don't Forget the Groomsmen!

Trying to pick gifts for the wedding party can be a challenging and expensive proposition. We stock a great selection of steins, pewter mugs, flasks, and cigar holders that can be engraved in many different price ranges. Other popular groomsmen gifts include homebrew kits and ½ yards of ale. Steins start around \$20 and we have a great selection of all these items in the \$40 to \$75 range. We offer a 10% discount for 4 or more items selected by a groom for his party. Keep in mind that if you would like to select steins, mugs, flasks or cigar holders from our large catalog, it can take up to 3 weeks to process your order.

## Honeymoons and Mead (Honey Wine)

Did you know that the term Honeymoon is directly linked to mead? Tradition has it that for one month after a wedding the bride and groom should consume mead. The honey part of the term comes from the mead, which is made from honey, and the moon part comes from the month, which in many cultures is measured by the time it takes the moon to go through its cycle. If the Meadmaker has done his job well, tradition says that a son will be conceived during the Honeymoon. Want to make mead? Ask for Jason's Mead Kit!

# Wine Equipment Summer Sale

We will be placing orders shortly for wine making equipment, If you are planning to purchase a barrel, crusher, press, or variable capacity stainless steel tank contact us soon so that we can ensure that we order enough to satisfy your needs. Bring in the coupon attached to this mailer for

**10% off any wine equipment valued over \$100.**

**Offer expires August 31<sup>st</sup>.**

**Buy early (by July 31) and receive 15% off any wine equipment valued over \$100.**

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## Grow your Own Mushroom Kit "Pink Oyster"

After a successful first offering of Shiitake mushroom kits, the Pink Oyster mushroom is the next featured mushroom kit. These tropical mushrooms need sustained temperatures in excess of 70° F to flourish, which makes them great for this time of year. This kit produces a strikingly beautiful pink and tasty mushroom. **All kits must be pre-ordered.** So for all of you who missed out last time, order yours today! Each mushroom kit is only \$22. Deadline to order July 31<sup>st</sup>.

## Limited Edition Extras

We are liquidating this year's remaining limited edition wine kits at \$10 off the original price. These kits represent the apex of wine kit offerings. We consider the wine you make from these kits equivalent to a good commercially made \$25 bottle. Each kit produces 30 bottles. This is a list of our remaining kits, get them before they are gone forever:

|                             | Quantity | Sale price |
|-----------------------------|----------|------------|
| Oregon Pinot Grigio (white) | 9        | \$75       |
| Malbec /Shiraz (red)        | 9        | \$80       |
| Viognier (white)            | 3        | \$75       |

## Event Calander

July 20<sup>th</sup> Keystone Family Picnic - 4PM  
July 31<sup>st</sup> Deadline to Order Mushroom kit  
August 31<sup>st</sup> Last day Wine Equipment Sale  
September 2<sup>nd</sup> Closed for Labor Day  
September 15<sup>th</sup> Wine Tasting Event - 3PM  
October 13<sup>th</sup> Wine Tasting Event - 3PM  
October 19<sup>th</sup> Bourbon Barrel Brew - All Day

## **STORE SUMMER** **HOURS**

### **\*Closed Mondays**

Tues., Wed., & Thurs. 10AM - 7PM

Friday 10AM - 9PM

Saturday 10 AM - 5PM

Sunday 11 AM - 5PM

**\*Closed Mondays from Memorial Day to Labor Day**

## Peter Brehm Ultra Premium Varietal Frozen Grapes

The best grapes make the best wine. If you are interested in Brehm Vineyards ultra premium wine grapes from the premier growing areas of California, Oregon and Washington including: Napa, Sonoma, Caneros, and the Columbia River Valley its time to start thinking about this year's wine season.

Peter's fall lineup will be available on-line in mid July and the grapes are allocated on a first to order basis. The most popular grapes are often "sold out" before the harvest takes place. We will be receiving our shipment in late November or early December but we can reserve grapes for you as soon as Peter lists them.

Don't be disappointed, go to [www.brehmvineyards.com](http://www.brehmvineyards.com) for the complete listing and let us know at Keystone Homebrew which grapes you want reserved.

## Next Mailer...Fresh Grapes

Our next mailer will be sent in early September and will feature prices and varieties of wine grapes and juice for this year. If you know what you want you can reserve yours starting August 1<sup>st</sup> in the store or on the web. Target arrival date between September 15th and 20th.

## Get Keystone Homebrew E-mails.

Want to stay informed? Don't want to miss an ordering deadline? Get on our e-mail list. We don't share or sell our addresses. To get on the list send a message to [info@keystonehomebrew.com](mailto:info@keystonehomebrew.com). Please include your name and phone number or stop by the store.

### **Club Meeting Schedule**

3rd Thursday of the Month @ 7PM

*mark your calender*

July 18<sup>th</sup>

August 15<sup>th</sup>

September 19<sup>th</sup>

October 17<sup>th</sup>

Club Meetings are at the store and are open to all interested home brewers. Summer meetings are outside. Please feel free to bring a lawn chair.