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Wine Country Cooking

by Joanne Weir

In the fall, when grapes ripen and the warm days of summer still linger, the wine harvest begins. It's the perfect time to enjoy a relaxing meal with family and friends, filled with laughter and big, bright platters of food. With its Mediterranean-inspired meals plus world-class wine pairings, *Wine Country Cooking* captures the fresh flavors of Napa and Sonoma in this lushly photographed cookbook.

In *Wine Country Cooking*, nationally known chef and PBS television personality Joanne Weir presents a lifestyle of casual yet gracious eating, drinking, and entertaining. Home cooks can greet their guests with Feta Preserved in Fruity Virgin Olive Oil with Summer Herbs and a glass of rosé; share a leisurely meal of Salmon with Asparagus and Blood Oranges while sipping Pinot Noir; then indulge in Coffee-Honey Brûlée with a late harvest Reisling.

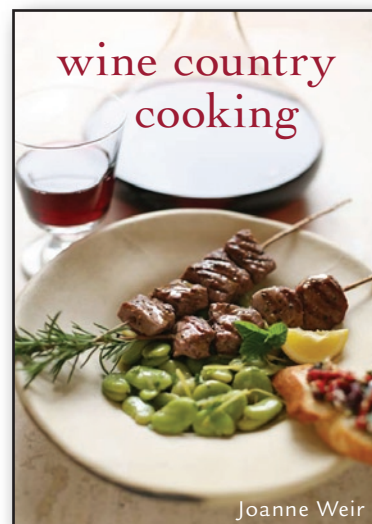
“Wine country” is not just in California, it's both an attitude and a latitude. The thirty-eighth parallel, which runs through California's wine country, also extends through Spain, Italy, Greece, and Turkey. It's no surprise, then, that you'll find similar landscapes planted with olives and citrus, tomatoes and garlic, rosemary and basil, and of course, wine grapes. It's also no wonder that this part of the world inspires cooking—more specifically “wine country cooking.” This simple, unfussy, updated Mediterranean way of preparing and eating seasonal food is epitomized in recipes such as:

- Oven-Crisped Chicken with Artichokes and Olives
- Crostini with Fennel Sausage
- Beef Braised in Red Wine
- Little Lemon Cakes with Soft Cream

No matter where one lives, *Wine Country Cooking* will have people eating, drinking, and enjoying wine country style year-round.



Joanne Weir is an award-winning food writer, cooking teacher, television host, and professional chef based in San Francisco, California. Her most current television series, *Joanne Weir's Cooking Class*, is in its second season and airs regularly on public television nationwide. She is the author of seventeen cookbooks, including the James Beard Award-winning *Weir Cooking in the City* and the James Beard Award-nominated *From Tapas to Meze*. Visit her website at www.joanneweir.com. Joanne is available for interviews.



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