

MRM – Summer Berry Mead

4/21/23

3 lbs Glenns Honey

3 lbs Classic Fruit Medley from Kroger

1 Gallon water (from tap)

1 tsp Fermaid O

1/2 tsp Pectic Enzyme

Juice of 1 lime

Peel of 1 lime (used peeler for just the peel)

100 raisins (for mouthfeel)

SG = 1.092

5-8-23

Took a reading. SG = .009. It's done fermenting. Tasted good. Needs aged.

5-12-23

I racked the mead off the fruit into 1 gallon glass carboys. There was more than 1 gallon.

I used some leftover mead to decrease headspace in the second gallon. It wasn't enough to fill but I think will work. It will be a blended mead and bottled and labeled separately. Of course I sanitized everything and used sanitized water in the airlocks. It's only been 3 weeks so this has a ways to sit in secondary.

21 days since started. SG = .009 ABV = 13.4

5-20-23

I re-racked both the straight and the blended today. There was a LOT of sediment due to the poor rack I got the first time. Gonna let it set for another week before bottling. Tasting both the straight still has a HOT alcohol taste but the berry flavor is there. The blended is just straight mead

flavor. I think I may add the peach flavoring that I bought to that blended mead. There is only about 1/2 gallon of the blended and a gallon of the straight.

5-25-23

Bottling day!!!!!! My favorite day!!!!

35 days since started.

Blended: I added 2 Tblsp of Peach flavoring and 3 “glugs” of honey. Got a bottling gravity of **1.039**. It’s gonna be sweet and delicious.

Straight: I added 2 “glugs” of honey. Got a bottling gravity of **1.020**. It’s not as sweet as the Blended....But that’s OK. It’s really good.

6/20/23 (61 days)

I have a bottle in the fridge now. The Straight is spot on and may be my favorite mead I’ve made so far.

6/26/23

The one month testing came out very well. The berry flavor is good but I get a bit of spoiled berry flavor right at the end. It actually bottle conditioned to carbonate. I wasn’t expecting that but looking at the notes I did NOT stabilize this.

The blended is weird. The peach flavor gets lost but K & D said it feels “soft” on the tongue.

