

The Simple Still



Simply the only still you want to own!

- ✓ Perfectly legal to own in Australia (5L)
- ✓ Designed to Australian Safety Standards
- ✓ Large (2.2kW) element for very fast operation
- ✓ Ultra product (95%)
- ✓ Vapour management head
- ✓ No carbon treatment needed
- ✓ Collapsible for storage
- ✓ Virtually indestructible
- ✓ Simple, safe operation

‘Fantastic still for those wanting to practice the art of distilling without spending a fortune. The vapour management design makes it almost foolproof for novices’

A world leading, professionally designed still that is priced and designed so that even a complete novice can make ultra pure spirit

Introduction

In countries where it is legal to do so, you can use this still to produce 95% alcohol. When watered down to 40% and flavoured, you can make almost any type of spirit or liqueur imaginable. The quality, purity and safety are generally higher than most commercial brands, and it only costs a few dollars a litre! With your first batch, you will have already saved the cost of the still, and have a bunch of new friends to boot.

Why is it so big (my wife won't let me have it in the house!)?

This still has been engineered to produce almost pure vodka. Nearly all stills with a column shorter than 1200mm will only be able to produce around 50 - 75% alcohol. This is OK if you want to ferment grains or wines, but if you want to make vodka, liquors or spirits the easy way, you need a tall still like this one. If you ferment a sugar wash with one of the smaller stills, it will still have a fairly strong flavour of the mash. This is NOT a pleasant taste, and carbon does not completely get rid of it. Smaller 'pot' stills are simply not designed to do this job.

Fear not, as it all disassembles to all fit in one bucket and a black tube. If you want to get the collapsible column, **you can fit the whole thing in one bucket** which is easily stored in the shed / garage / roof space. You only need to use it now and again, as 4 hours use will produce around 9 bottles of spirit!

Why isn't it nice and shiny like the others?

Traditionally, stills are made from copper. Small ones are mostly made from Stainless Steel. While this does look nice, it is much more expensive, time-consuming, and harder to assemble and disassemble. It will also corrode if you leave the mash in the boiler. By using screw-together polypropylene fittings, these problems have been overcome! The polypropylene plastic is extremely durable, and will give a very long life-time. It is self-insulating, so more efficient without bulky insulation being added. It can be easily disassembled for shipping, storage and cleaning. The whole still can be packed into a very small space for easy storage. It is lighter than copper, so shipping is also cheaper!

After all, you are buying a still to use, not to look at.

Why else should I pay the little bit extra for this still?

You may think the extra \$50 dollars more for this still is not justified, but it will actually end up costing you less. It has been designed well, so you do not need to buy a thermometer or alcometer. You do not need to buy a carbon filter, or carbon to fill the filter each time. The extra speed and plastic insulation means that you will use less electricity. It will also save you a lot of time. This is the only still that I have seen on the market that is designed to Australian Safety Standards. Absolutely everything has been done to make sure that this still is as safe as possible to use, even for complete novices. **When you are mixing water, electricity, an explosive gas and a flammable liquid – safety is a priority.**

Is it legal?

In countries such as New Zealand, it is perfectly legal to distil alcohol for your own use. Other countries have varying laws. In Australia, it is legal to sell and own a still that has a capacity 5L, but it is NOT legal to distil alcohol in Australia. In Australia, this still is being sold for water purification and botanical essence extraction only. All discussion of distilling alcohol only applies to countries where this is legal. Illegal distilling cheats the government of tax dollars, so don't do it!

Ok, so how much is it?

The basic still which includes the 5L boiler and a single 1200mm column is \$365.

The same still with a 1200mm column cut into 300mm sections for easier storage or postage is an additional \$30.

You will need a clean bucket with a lid (preferably 25L) and a packet of Turbo Yeast to get started.

Contact Grain & Grape Pty Ltd on 03 9317 3483 for sales.



Testimonial for The Simple Still

Greg, just wanted to say thanks very much for the unit I bought from you.

It has been FANTASTIC....!

I thought I'd share my background so you can share with others to help them avoid the wasted time and money.

I originally bought a still that is a very well known brand. Whilst it looked great and the instructions were good, the product was very average and required carbon treating. Carbon treating is VERY messy and time consuming, not to mention expensive.

After much research I found that increasing the column height should help, so I went and made a longer column to attach. This added another \$75 to the price and helped considerably, but still the quality wasn't good enough so back to carbon treating. I then replaced the condenser with one I made - around \$150 plus, my soldering wasn't good enough so I paid a plumber to redo my soldering and bought some insulation for the column (\$70)... The weight of the column and condenser made the unit very unstable.

Came across the Simple Still and immediately bought one.

The first thing that struck me was the quality of the product produced...! Finally no more carbon needed.

The second was how easy it was to pull apart and reassemble to clean etc.

The third was how easy the vapour management design is to use. It's almost foolproof.

The sad thing was all the money I wasted prior to purchasing Greg's unit. If you're starting out I'd strongly recommend this unit, for most people this would be the first and last unit you would need to buy.

Well done Greg and thanks for your patience and support.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Matt". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Matt Robertson