Artisan Table Club

Wine Crafting Room – New Member Reference Guide

Welcome to the Artisan Table Club Wine Crafting Room!

We're excited to have you join a community of hobbyists, experimenters, future sommeliers, and the occasional "I just hope this tastes good" winemaker. Whether this is your very first wine kit or your fiftieth batch, this guide is intended to provide a practical working knowledge of the wine room so you can craft confidently, safely, and with minimal surprises.

The Wine Crafting Room is built on a shared community approach. A little organization, consideration, and cleanup from each member helps keep the room functional and enjoyable for everyone.

ATC Member Support

1. Wine Room Access

An Artisan Table Club (ATC) key is available from the Village Center front desk anytime the Village Center is open.

Access Procedure

- Sign the key out through the Village Center concierge.
- Initial the log when returning the key.

Helpful Tips While Using the Room

- When entering the wine room, we recommend leaving the key in the lock:
    - So other members may access the room while you are inside.
    - To avoid accidentally locking yourself out while stepping away to the sink area.
- Use the brick by the door to keep the door slightly cracked for easier access during active crafting sessions.

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2. Resources Available for Crafting Your Wine

To help new members get started, ATC maintains a collection of shared equipment and supplies.

Available Shared Equipment & Resources

Starter Equipment

The following items are available for your first one or two wine crafting projects:

- Fermentors
- Carboys
- Food-grade buckets

Gently Used Equipment for Purchase

- Select gently used equipment may be available for purchase at approximately 50% off retail pricing.
- Availability varies.
- If you prefer new, Amazon & Label Peelers are great resources.

Shared Crafting Tools

Available for member use:

- Siphons
- Mixing spoons
- Cleaning brushes
- Wine corking machines
- Wine corks

Cleaning & Sanitizing Supplies

Available in the room:

- Hand sanitizer
- Sanitizing solutions
- Cleaning solutions for equipment
- Bottle cleaning racks

Wine Aging Cooler

- Members may store wine in the cooler during aging.
- Due to space limitations, maximum storage time is 2 years.
- Please label all stored items clearly with your name and date.

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3. Items Members Should Provide

Each member is responsible for bringing their own consumables and personal crafting supplies.

Required Personal Supplies

- Wine kit(s)
- Spring or distilled water
- Wine bottles
- Labels
- Capsules
- Wire cages (for sparkling or bubbly wines under pressure)

Recommended Personal Supply Case

We strongly recommend keeping a small supply case or tote for your personal tools and accessories, including:

- Pens and markers
- Razor knife
- Hydrometer
- Miscellaneous airlocks and bungs
- Any favorite tools you prefer using

A well-organized supply tote saves time and dramatically reduces the classic winemaker phrase:

“I know I brought that thing…”

Navigating the Wine Room

1. Locating Shared ATC Equipment

Shared ATC equipment is marked “Artisan Club” and is generally located on the back steel rack near the large sprinkler stand pipe.

Borrowing Shared Equipment

- If borrowing ATC equipment, please place a piece of tape on the item with your name clearly written on it.
- Remove the tape and return equipment when finished.

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2. Choosing Your Crafting Area

- Claim any available table space for your crafting session.
- Keep your wine kit, water, and personal supplies grouped neatly together.
- Once fermentation has started, please take any unopened water jugs home with you, as storage space in the room is limited.

A tidy crafting station helps everyone work more efficiently — and makes the room look considerably more professional than a science experiment gone sideways.

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3. Sanitizing Stations

- Sanitizing spray bottles and sanitizing containers are located on the center back table.
- Please refill them if levels fall below one-third full.
- Mixing and refill instructions are posted on the wall behind the Sanitizing Solution.

Remember:

Great wine starts with great sanitizing.

(Or at minimum, wine that doesn't taste "interesting" for the wrong reasons.)

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4. Siphons & Tubing Locations

Racking Siphons

- Located to the right side of the back equipment rack.

Bottle Filling Siphons

- Located on the left side of the back equipment rack.

Tubing Storage

- Tubes are stored in the wooden wall box.

Please rinse and return all tubing and siphons after use.

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5. Extra Supplies

Additional shared supplies such as paper towels and miscellaneous items are generally stored:

- On the back rack near the sprinkler stand pipe.

If you notice supplies running low, please notify an ATC representative.

Final Notes

The Artisan Table Club Wine Crafting Room exists because members contribute their time, organization, and cooperation. Please help us maintain a clean, respectful, and welcoming environment for all members.

A few final best practices:

- Clean as you go.
- Label your wine clearly.
- Return shared tools promptly.
- When in doubt, sanitize again.
- And remember: even experienced winemakers occasionally say, "Well… that batch was educational."

Welcome to the Artisan Table Club — and happy crafting!