

Cleo Coyle's Virgin Sangria

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Got overripe fruit? Waste not! This virgin sangria is a nice way to make use of it. A virgin sangria is also a great idea for households with kids because it can be converted into an adult beverage at the time it's poured, which means one pitcher can serve drinkers and non-drinkers. Enjoy! ~ Cleo

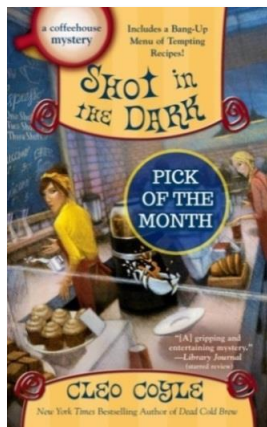
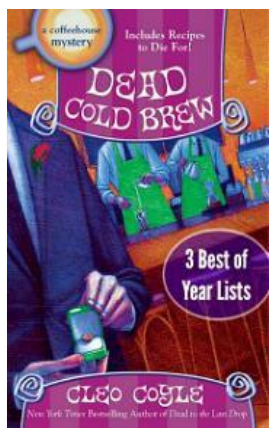
Makes 2 quarts

Ingredients:

- 1 (11.5 fluid ounce) can of frozen white grape juice concentrate
- 1 quart bottled or sparkling water
- 2 cups sliced strawberries
- 4 to 5 peaches or nectarines, chopped
- 2 cups chopped watermelon

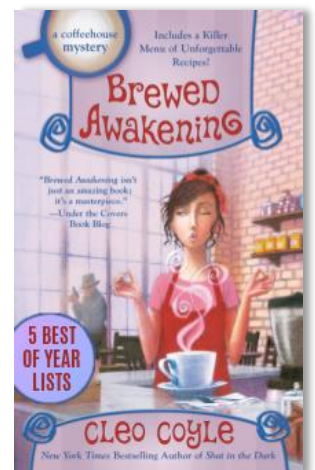
MIX IT: Empty concentrate into your pitcher or container and stir in the water. When the concentrate is melted into a smooth liquid, add in the fruit. Stir well, cover, and chill for several hours or overnight. The fruit will fortify the white grape juice, making it refreshingly delicious. It will also blush the color from an unappetizing dark yellow to a pretty shade of deep pink. Serve chilled in a frosty cold glass and garnish by a triangle of watermelon or strawberry.

SPIKE IT, IF YOU LIKE: This is a versatile drink for a household with children or one with drinkers and non-drinkers. To serve this drink as an adult beverage, mix half a glass of the virgin sangria with a generous splash of port, sherry, or your favorite fortified wine. Brandy, grappa, cognac, vodka, rum, and fruit liqueurs are other possible ways to spike this refreshing summer cooler. (A stronger alcohol will give you better results than standard wines or sparkling wines, which will be diluted by the virgin sangria.)



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