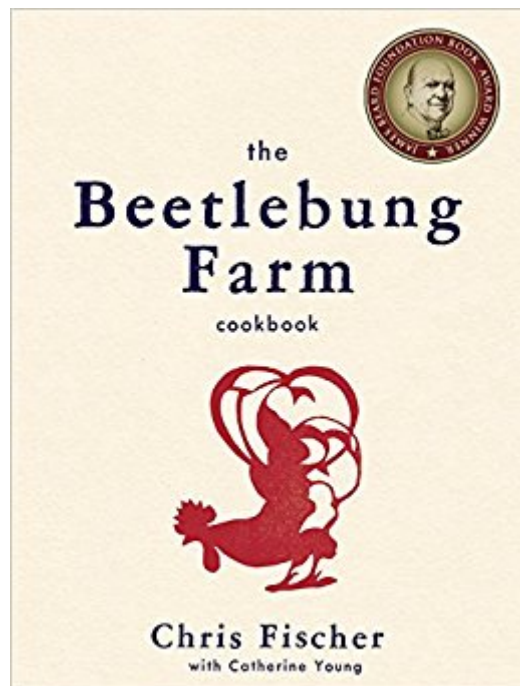




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# The Beetlebung Farm Cookbook: A Year Of Cooking On Martha's Vineyard



## Synopsis

A year of fresh, simple, seasonal cooking from a rising-star chef running his grandfather's five-acre farm on Martha's Vineyard. This is the heartfelt declaration of a new American way of food, celebrating a year of cooking and farming on the island of Martha's Vineyard. Chris Fischer is a chef, farmer, and writer whose roots on the island run twelve generations deep. His cooking combines practical, rural ingenuity with skill acquired in the world's leading kitchens. The result is singular and exciting. Beetlebung Farm, his grandparents' five-acre parcel in the town of Chilmark, is both Fischer's inspiration and the source for the fine raw materials he showcases. These recipes express the unique understanding of ingredients that comes from a life spent hauling in lobster pots, cultivating vegetables, tracking game in the woods, and butchering his own meat. In this beautifully illustrated homage to the family and community that raised him, Fischer weaves seasonal menus through stories of growing up on the island, conjuring the smoke of oak-wood fires, the brine of Great Pond oysters, and the satisfaction of a well-earned meal. The Beetlebung Farm Cookbook is a clear and essential record of contemporary New England cuisine.

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"This delightful collection of simply cooked meals is a year-long culinary journal that celebrates the seasons of the farm and the abundance that it produces. His dishes are immensely appealing and will inspire longing for the summer harvest...a must-have for every cook interested in simple yet flavorful food that's guaranteed to please." *Publisher's Weekly*, June 2015 "As both farmer and cook,

Chris Fischer connects his stewardship of the land directly to the kitchen with beautiful, real food." Alice Waters "At Beetlebung Farm on Martha's Vineyard, my friend Chris Fischer transforms nature's bounty into unforgettable yet accessible meals - the elevated simple food I love to eat." Mario Batali "Chris Fischer is a cook who farms, a grower who is a talented chef - a brilliant combination. His wonderful recipes celebrate ingredients without getting preachy or precious, in this personal journal of a year cooking on the island he calls home." April Bloomfield, from the foreward "This is a magical book about coming home to Martha's Vineyard in time to savor the last years of a beloved grandfather's farming life. Chris Fischer's stories of fishing, hunting, farming, and cooking evoke the simplicity and the complexity of a rural life, and how the quiet sophistication of this natural world follows him in his pursuit of memorable meals. As in the books of M.F.K. Fisher, these recipes emerge from the stories, and you feel the presence of the cook at the table. Chris is an out of the box talent: a true individual, a fine chef, and a resonant writer. This is a book to cherish and read again and again." Michael Van Valkenburgh

Chris Fischer is a chef, farmer, and writer whose roots on Martha's Vineyard date back to 1670. This heritage is clear in his elegant recipes. Finesse he acquired in the world's leading kitchens makes the results singular and exciting.Â Â Beetlebung Farm, his grandparents' five-acre parcel, is both the source for the ingredients he showcases with wit and style and the inspiration for this beautifully illustrated homage to family and community.

This is a top notch cook book and selection of pieces about much loved places and foods as well as people of Chilmark on Martha's Vineyard (although folks from other parts of the island feature as well). Chris, who is a very gifted chef and writer, has done a great job and others, such as Emma Young -- from West Tisbury who designed the cover and the layout -- has as well. Chris writes particularly movingly about members of his family, including his aunt Marie, his father and his grandfather -- all of whom I know and love. I particularly like that Chris and his additional author have given such clear instructions without a lot of fancy ingredients -- treasuring the simple (and complex) flavors of food mostly treated simply and respectfully. Good food doesn't need a lot of glitzing up to be truly good. And the photographs are wonderful -- showing the food and the locations. They do feature some antiques surfaces (old wood and old paint) but the plates and the eating utensils are simple and clean. The current trend in trendy cook books to display a wonderful meal such as a roast or a fish on a chipped (but pretty) rustic plate with tarnished silver just doesn't do the food or the recipes any favors. So this cook book gets an unqualified 5 stars. But Chris -- the Ag Fair is

actually 4 days now.....not three.

This is a lovely book, far more than just a cookbook. Written in clear and engaging prose, supplemented with gorgeous illustrations and filled with personal family history as well as appealing recipes - this is a book to be enjoyed by all.

Bought this book for my husband, and since we are from NE, and LOVE MV we had to check this out. He is thrilled with it, the stories, the history, and the recipes. Just Awesome book!!

One of the most beautifully presented books I've ever seen. The recipes in this book are delicious and the stories are a pure delight. Cookbook of the century!

Wonderful well rounded book with fresh from farm to table recepies.

As a Vineyard resident thrilled to see this book.

Love the stories!

An awesome read...highly recommended.

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