

Mead

Probably the world's oldest alcoholic drink, mead is essentially fermented honey and water and has a long history. The earliest evidence suggest that a fermented honey was drunk in India some 4000 years ago. The ancient Greeks called mead ambrosia or nectar and it was believed to be the drink of the gods, descended from the Heavens as dew, before being gathered in by the bees. It is easy to see why people thought mead had magical and sacred properties and would prolong life, bestow health, strength, virility, re-creative powers, wit and poetry.

Prior to the 1700s, mead was a popular choice of drink throughout New England. However, coming into the 18th century, it fell out of favor for drinks like beer and fruit wines, as these drinks were cheaper to make and the ingredients were more readily available to common households. Nonetheless, American farmers continued to cultivate beehives, extract honey, and make mead. We make it primarily for the ladies.

We have two varieties of mead, Battle of the Bees Mead – named for the ingenuity of a young lady feeling British “cowboys” in Connecticut; and Edenton Tea Party Mead – named the bravery of the women of Edenton, NC who unlike the men of Boston, signed their name to their protest of the Tea Act.

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