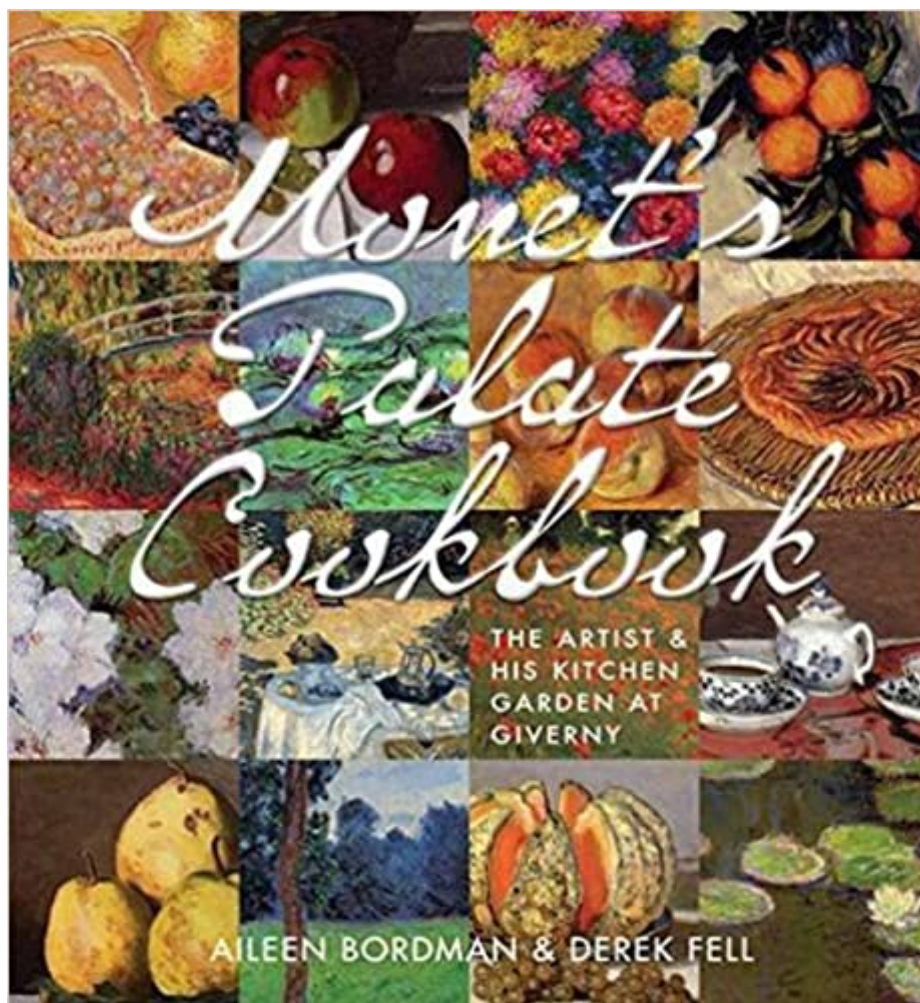


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# Monet's Palate Cookbook: The Artist & His Kitchen Garden At Giverny



## Synopsis

Foreword by Meryl Streep. For the first time in history, *Monet's Palate Cookbook: The Artist & His Kitchen Garden at Giverny* brings Claude Monet's beloved kitchen garden back to life. Written by filmmaker Aileen Bordman and garden writer Derek Fell, the book includes sixty recipes linked to Monet's two-acre kitchen garden near his home at Giverny, France. Included is detailed information about the vegetables he grew, plus photographs and descriptions of the house interiors and gardens capturing Monet's extraordinary lifestyle. Meryl Streep has written the Foreword and the recipes beautifully photographed by Steven Rothfeld. The farm-to-table tradition lived passionately by Claude Monet has been brought into the 21st century which beckons one to take a culinary journey in Monet's footsteps. The backdrop to the renaissance of the garden are chapters that cover Monet's lifestyle including French tips for entertaining as well as recipes inspired by his cooking journals and places he visited. The recipes were developed using the abundance of fresh herbs and vegetables found in Monet's kitchen garden. Some of Monet's favorites to grow in the kitchen garden included zucchini, cherry tomatoes, radishes, pearl onions, brussel sprouts, asparagus, rosemary and mint. A few of the recipes are of French origin, such as the famous Normandy apple tart. Others are from locations abroad where he traveled in search of motifs to paint, such as the Savoy Hotel, London where Monet acquired their recipe for Yorkshire pudding. Exquisite photography and inspired recipes brings Monet's kitchen garden back to life. Aileen Bordman is the creator and producer of the acclaimed documentary film titled *Monet's Palate: A Gastronomic View from the Garden*, which has been broadcast nationally through American Public Television to all 350 PBS stations. She has been immersed in the world of Claude Monet since 1980 and has more than 35 years of firsthand experience at Monet's home and gardens. Her knowledge and passion with respect to Claude Monet's lifestyle, cuisine, gardens and art prompted the creation of the Monet's Palate concept. Bordman independently wrote and produced the film *Monet's Palate* with Meryl Streep, Alice Waters, Daniel Boulud, Michel Richard and Steve Wynn. The film has been screened from Cannes to New York, and was featured during the six-month "Monet's Garden" exhibit at the New York Botanical Garden in New York. She lives in just outside of New York City in New Jersey. Derek Fell writer and photographer, is the author of two books on Monet, *The Magic of Monet's Garden* and *Secrets of Monet's Garden*. He has a strong following as America's most widely published garden writer. His books on gardening, travel and art have been published worldwide and total more than 2.5 million books. He divides his time between Bucks County, Pennsylvania, and Sanibel Island, Florida.

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## Customer Reviews

A lush, respectful homage to the French painter and gardener, Monet's Palate Cookbook is filled with recipes inspired by Monet's love of fine, freshly grown food. The recipes are easy to create at home (Smoked Salmon, Goat Cheese, Thyme and Chive Spread, for example, or Roast Pork with Cherry Sauce). A beautiful book that evokes a beautiful home. - Kirkus Reviews

"One look at the kitchen at Giverny, and it is clear Monet's gourmet world of food and friends amid gardens and paints was a rich part of his life shared with those close to him. In this historical taste of the artist's secret world, Aileen Bordman and Derek Fell bring Monet's beloved vegetable garden and bountiful table deliciously back to life for us." - Mireille Guiliano *Why French Women Don't Get Fat* 2015-01-01 "I am so glad Monet's Palate through delicious recipes, exquisite photos and information has brought Claude Monet's remarkable kitchen garden back to life." - Chef Michel Richard. "Monet's Palate evokes the very best colors on the garden table." - Anne Willan Author and Founder of La Varenne Cooking School. "More than any other type of garden, a plot devoted to vegetables offers maximum pleasure to every gardener. There is no thrill that compares to growing one's own food: planting, caring, harvesting, and bringing the treasures to the table. Monet's Palate Cookbook provides all the inspiration anyone needs to go out and dig, plant, absorb the joys that soil offers each of us. Whether a garden novice or seasoned expert, this book offers a wealth of advice and recipes destined to improve all of our lives." - Patricia Wells Journalist, cooking school teacher, and author of more than a dozen

books, including "Vegetable Harvest" - Patricia Wells. "You need only to step onto the grounds of Giverny and wander through the profusion of flowers, fruits, and vegetables to sense how art and food were profoundly linked for Claude Monet. With vivid photographs and recipes, Monet's Palate Cookbook: The Artist and His Kitchen Garden at Giverny captures the magic and aliveness of his kitchen garden, and immerses readers in Monet's remarkable world." - Alice Waters.

In a word: marvelous. Beautiful color photographs, well written historical information about the painter and the country, and wonderful recipes. The recipes all look delicious and yet mostly easy to prepare. I've already used recipes from the book 3 times (I've had the book less than 10 days) and have been very pleased with results. This is a great book to own or to give as a gift.

The photos of Monet's kitchen gardens are absolutely lovely. Every recipe has a short description immediately before it, some background details, for example, "Monet enjoyed this dish" - that sort of thing. Monet and his wife loved the gourmet life and entertaining. If you love Monet's art and enjoy food, you may enjoy this book. As far as Monet books go, I prefer "Monet's House" over this one.

The photos are sumptuous & exquisite, really capturing the sights & feeling of Giverny! But this book is SO much more! Read it cover to cover in one night & know it will become my go to resource guide for recipes & gardening. Many lovely garden to table recipes, with mouthwatering illustrations plus detailed garden designs based off Monet's large vegetable & herb garden but adapted to smaller, raised box gardening, again, with luscious, beautifully photographed illustrations. One of the loveliest tomes I've seen in a long time, inspired by the author's mother. This book truly captures Monet's inspiration for his paintings, in the natural beauty of Giverny. Glad I bought two copies, to share as a gift to my friend, who lived close to Giverny for several years. Know she'll adore it, too! Thank you so much, Ms Bordman, for sharing your Mother's passion & your gifted artistic ability to capture the beauty of Monet's piece of heaven!

Beautiful book ! We have been to Paris many times. This time we will finally see Giverny. The book is inspiring for those of us who not only love art, but love gardening and cooking. We made some changes to our garden this year. I will enjoy this spring watching the lettuce grow over a glass of

wine and your book.

Yummy and glorious!

I purchased several of these books twice already to give away as gifts and kept one of course. My friends who got the book are great cooks and have thanked me profusely for the gift and mine is always on display in my kitchen easel, looking lovely.

Such a delightful read! This is a very informative and insightful guide to understanding Monet's garden; his favorite foods, his celebratory dining room and his consistent techniques. I find it provides a charming look at the artistry of the garden, as well as, form and function. I felt that I had entered Monet's intimate circle of friends and was invited for a gathering of fine food in his beautiful palette, that I can now replicate and share with my own friends through the recipes. It is, by far, my favorite cookbook. I love it; as I love the art and the life of Monet.

Having visited Giverny several times, and the fact that I live in France a good deal of each year, I found this book interesting on a very personal level. I've already made several of the recipes, all were easy to follow and delicious.

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