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Addmore Products
Elderflower Cordial



Astint as a nanny in the UK set Kate Addis, owner and founder of Addmore, on the path to producing elderflower cordial. The mother of her charges had an ancient recipe for it in an old recipe book of her grandmother's and they decided to try it. It was delicious and she began making it regularly for the family.

On her return home to south Canterbury, she detected the scent of elderflowers in the air. "I realised they could grow here because I could smell them - they smell like fresh clothes on the line," she says.

She hadn't known before that elders grew wild in Canterbury, just not around where she lived. Her aunt and uncle, a little further north, had them on their property and she took her first samples from there. They used to infuse the foliage into tea to use as a remedy for their horses' mud fever.

Kate was herself infused with the English passion for elderflower cordial. "It was huge there. And it's such a lovely drink. If all those people in the UK loved it, why wouldn't we like it here?"

Why indeed? The judges described it as a cordial for grown-ups and in grown-up fashion it greatly enhances cocktails. One judge suggested it could also be used to brush over a cake once baked. It is very refreshing, with good length and mouthfeel. Says Kate, "It's summer in a bottle."

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