



# Virginia Dare Fruit Cordials

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We carry a wide variety of fruit cordials made from natural fruit concentrates and purees. Cordials are currently available in Cranberry, Fruit Punch, Guava, Mango, Jamaican Mango, Mango-Pine, Cherry, Orange, Pineapple, Pine-Ginger, June Plum and Sorrel.

❖ **Brix** : 61 – 63°

❖ **Dilution**

- For Orange, Mango, Jamaican Mango, Mango-Pine, Carrot, Guava, Pineapple, Honey-Pine, Appleberry, and Carrot Cucumber: To get a 12° Beverage, mix one part cordial with five parts water for eg: mix 1 gallon cordial + 5 gallons water.
- For Fruit Punch, Sorrel, Pine-Ginger, June Plum and Carrot-Pine cordials, mix one part cordial with four and three quarter gallons (4 ¾ ) of water,

❖ **Preservative**

We suggest that if cordials are used to make beverages for commercial purposes, additional preservatives should be added, and or other methods of preservation used. (The customer is responsible for determining the shelf life of these beverages) For a 6-gallon mixture using 1 gallon of any of these cordials mixed with 5 gallons of water, it may be necessary to add:

**5.67 g (0.2 oz) to 18.9 g (0.66 oz) of Sodium Benzoate or Potassium Sorbate**

The amount of preservatives used in our cordials is only sufficient to preserve the undiluted product.

❖ **Storage**

Store at 4- 27°C. Avoid prolonged exposure to light, heat, air and moisture.

❖ **Shelf Life**

Under the above conditions, four (4) to six(6) months depending on the flavour cordial. Please see label for expiry dates.

## TIPS

The shelf life of your product depends on many factors. There are several measures that can be taken to increase the shelf life of your product:

- Clean and sanitize all equipment before and after use.
- Sterilize bottles and caps by rinsing in a sanitizing solution, made and used according to manufacturers instructions.
- Do not keep dirty bottles/ packaging/ garbage near the production and packaging area.
- All persons involved in production should practice good personal hygiene.
- Use water that is chlorinated and filtered.
- Chill product immediately after packaging to prevent spoilage.