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Alison Crowe is a Napa-based consulting winemaker, author and blogger ([www.girlandthegrape.com](http://www.girlandthegrape.com)). In this article Crowe opens the toolbox of techniques available to successfully grow and make lower alcohol wines.

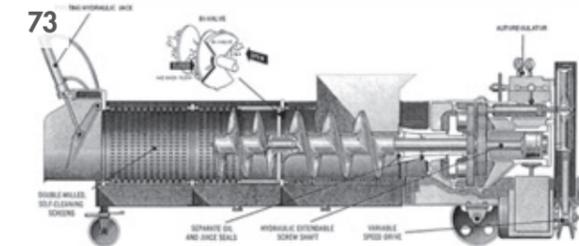
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