**Brigit Binns** 

## Grilled Peaches Stuffed with

## Lavender-Absinthe Mascarpone

Serves 6 to 8 Wine Pairings: Central Coast: Tablas Creek "Vin de Paille" (40% Grenache Blanc, 23% Viognier, 20% Roussanne, 17% Marsanne) Farther Afield: Vin Glacé from the Willamette Valley, Oregon



From <u>The New Wine Country Cookbook:</u> <u>Recipes from California's Central Coast</u>, Andrews McMeel, 2013

- 1 cup mascarpone
- 1 tablespoon absinthe
- 1 to 2 teaspoons honey, plus more for grilling the peaches
- 4 large ripe peaches, halved and pitted
- 1 teaspoon fresh lavender blossoms, pulled apart

In a small bowl, whisk together the mascarpone, absinthe, and honey; refrigerate until serving

time. Taste for sweetness and add a little more honey, if desired.

Prepare a gas or charcoal grill for medium-heat grilling and make sure the grate is nice and

clean. (Or, preheat a ridged griddle pan over medium heat.)

Brush the cut sides of the peaches with a little honey and place them cut sides down on the hot grilling surface. Grill for 1 to 2 minutes only, until marked by the grill and golden. Transfer to a platter or individual plates and mound 2 tablespoons of the mascarpone mixture into the center of each peach. Scatter a pinch of lavender over each one, and serve.