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## High Times Presents: Nico Escondido's Grow Like A Pro (2011)


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Well, now I think I've seen everything. A DVD about how to grow pot! Almost everyone worldwide has an opinion on marijuana. Should it be legal or not, its health benefits, is it worse for you than the medical problem it is trying to help alleviate? Is it downright evil, and reprehensible? Well, those issues are not discussed here, nor should they be. This is a straight documentary showing tips and tricks on growing marijuana for medical purposes.

Nico Escondido, who is the current cultivation pro and a photographer for High Times magazine used to be a grower of marijuana operations in a variety of climates, political settings and commercial formats around the world. He decided to make this DVD so that patients just starting out in their first medicinal gardens as well as the expert growers could pick up a few extra tips and tricks.

Nico is the only guide throughout the DVD and even though he is an expert at what he does, everything is explained at a layman level, with a bit of humor thrown in every once in a while. He starts us out in an empty house with no inside walls and takes us through, step by step, as we see the construction of a grow room. During this, we see examples of different materials to use, and less expensive options. From there we move on to the complete operation of growing marijuana indoors. From seedlings to the drying process, Nico is very thorough in his presentation and making sure that growers of every level can understand the instructions.

Next up is greenhouse growing, which can be cheaper because it uses the natural sunlight to benefit the plants. The start to finish process is repeated with some alternatives native to greenhouse growing. We learn tips and tricks that deal with planting, feeding and watering. There is a great section that deals with cloning plants if you find a breed that you like.

Lastly we are introduced to outdoor cultivation in California. This was the most interesting section to me personally because of old, fond memories. Nico takes special time out to show medicinal growers who have a plant limit per patient law placed on them, how to get the largest and most productive plants you possibly can. Also covered in this section is natural watering techniques, water storage, dirt-free soil options and recycling root bulbs.

This DVD is the be all end all of marijuana growing technology. It has everything anyone from a beginner to an expert would need to start growing medicinal marijuana plants.

The extras on this disc run the gamut from informative to hilarious. You Get an interview with Chemdog (another grower), Garden Problems (What not to do in a grow room), Nutrient Conversation (for the plants), Outtakes, The You'll Notice Game (Take a drag every time Nico says "you'll notice", during the documentary), Soundtrack (just a list of the songs in the documentary), Nico On The Web (self-explanatory) and Headshop, which I believe is a feature you get when putting the DVD into your computer. Sound is great and the DVD is shot in widescreen giving the documentary a movie-like feel.

If you are interested in horticulture, medicinal marijuana, or are just curious about the subculture, then this DVD is a must own for you. 10/10.



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