

TABLE GRAPES



Most of these grapes are American varieties which are better suited to our climate. Most are slip skin, with soft flesh and a distinctive, musky flavor and aroma. Some will also make a nice wine. Please see descriptions for details.

PLANTING: Plant grapes at least 6-8 feet apart with 8-9 feet between rows in well-drained, amended soil. Plant at the same depth as in the pot. Trim vine down to two remaining buds.

CULTURE: Choose a site which is not in a frost pocket, and is parallel to the prevailing winds. Full sun is required to ripen the fruit, so rows are best oriented in a north/south direction.

Grapes are adapted to a wide range of soil types, but do require good drainage. Water newly planted vines regularly (1-2 inches of water per week until mid summer); mature vines are deeply rooted and require only occasional water. Watering prior to harvest will increase fruit size. Mulch once a year in spring with aged manure. Too much fertilizer will cause the flower buds to fall off.

STAKING AND PRUNING: Grapes are vigorous growers and need sturdy staking or an arbor to grow on. Pruning will depend on the individual needs of the plant and its location. Please visit the Information desk for more specific pruning information.

VARIETIES for 2017

CANADICE	Seedless. Large, long, well-filled 6-8" clusters. Medium size, firm grape. Excellent table grape for juice, jellies and wine. Vigorous, productive vines. Keeps long on the vine. Ripens mid-August through September.
CONCORD	Both varieties. Med-lg. fruit, the standard American grape for juice & jelly. Skin is purple to black with sweet-tart green pulp. Very productive. Ripens late September. Zone 4.
GOLDEN MUSCAT	Seeded. Large, dense, compact clusters of green fruits maturing to pale golden yellow. Vigorous, productive vines. Prone to powdery mildew, prune for good air circulation.
JUPITER	Seedless. Early maturing variety with large, purple fruit with excellent wild muscat flavor. Hardy and moderately vigorous with good resistance to cracking.
LAKEMONT	Seedless. Largest, tightest clusters of any seedless grape. Crisp, sweet, juicy, yellow-green fruit. Superior table grape; makes excellent raisins. Vigorous and heavily productive.
MADELAINE ANGEVINE	Seeded. Large, musky, green fruit on a very productive vine. Ideal for juice and fresh eating. Early ripening variety grows well in cooler climates. Also makes a fruity wine with a flowery nose; crisp, acid and dry that pairs particularly well with seafood.
MARQUIS	Seedless. Large clusters of big, white, flavorful fruit. High sugar, low acid, twice the yield of Himrod. Excellent table grape that also yields a delicate white wine.
STEUBEN	Seeded. Bluish-purple fruit that is tender and sweet. Great for eating fresh or for making wine.
SUFFOLK RED	Seedless. Very hardy and productive with soft, sweet, delicious fruit best for fresh eating.
SWEET SEDUCTION	Seedless. Golden brown fruit with succulent, muscat flavor. Very productive variety. Hardy to -15 F, zone 5.
VANESSA	Seedless. Vigorous, moderately hardy vine that produces loose bunches of medium sized, deep red fruit with spicy, aromatic flavor. Excellent quality.