

TABLE GRAPES

INSTRUCTIONS FOR TABLE GRAPES

Grapes prefer a light soil with good drainage and moderate to high fertility. Soil should be kept moist the first year after planting, but the grapes will stand short dry periods in following years. A spring application of fertilizer (a balanced blend) is recommended. Plant grapes in early spring or winter, pruning back top growth to two or three buds at planting time. Prune roots to avoid wadding of roots in planting hole. Grapes should be planted one inch deeper than plants grew in the nursery, and spaced eight feet apart for maximum performance.

Prune grapes at anytime from December through February. The three buds left at planting time. Select the strongest vine for this purpose at pruning time.

The second growing season should produce four lateral branches. Fewer or more may be utilized to meet individual requirements, such as arbors, trellises, etc.

When pruning back vines, always leave a finger or stub with three or four buds. Some light summer pruning may hasten fruit development.

Grapes may produce an occasional fruit bunch the first year, and a good crop the second year if full sun is supplied. A southern exposure is to your advantage.

GRAPE PLANT DESCRIPTION

Campbell's Early: Large clusters of dark, purple to black slipskin fruit. Campbell's Early is a high quality grape. Excellent for eating and juice. The wines are moderately vigorous. Be sure to give this variety time to ripen because it will reach full color before it reaches full sweetness. Fruit will hang well without shattering.

Golden Muscat: Large, well filled clusters. The mature amber berries have that California Muscat flavor and are quite juicy and sweet.

Niagara: Also known as the white concord. Large, tight, amber, slipskin grape. Sweet and juicy with a strong foxy flavor. Top eating variety.

Ontario: Large, loosely formed clusters of white to light yellow, very small eating grapes. Ontario has a sweet, rich, distinctive flavor.

SEEDLESS GRAPES

Suffolk red: Seedless. Medium size, long, loose clusters. Round, firm, meaty and seedless with a pure non-foxy flavor. Excellent quality. Color varies from bright red to grayish pink.

Vanessa: Seedless. Medium sized, loose to well-filled clusters of firm, oval, medium sized deep red berries. Crisp firm flesh with adherent skin.