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Heritage Grape *Vitis* species

DESCRIPTION: The cultivation of the domesticated grape began 6,000–8,000 years ago in the Near East. In North America, native grapes belonging to various species of the *Vitis* genus proliferate in the wild across the continent, and were a part of the diet of many Native Americans, but were considered by European colonists to be unsuitable for wine. Heritage grapes are ones probably of Eurasian stock which have been long-cultivated in the Southwest.

RECOMMENDED USE: An ideal spot to grow grapes is along a wire fence, across a balcony, or over a pergola where they provide shade. If you've only got a balcony or patio to work with, fear not: you can still grow your own grapes by planting in a large pot that will allow the fruit's roots to grow.

CULTURE:



Hardiness: Grapes will be deciduous in the winter, but stems are hardy to at least 10°F.



Sun tolerance: It can be grown in either full sun or part shade, but too deep of shade will promote leggy growth and poor fruiting.



Watering and feeding: Moderate water use. Fertilize monthly when in leaf.



Soil requirements: Better in deeper soils.



Pruning: Can be pruned severely after leaf drop.