

GRAPES



- All the varieties we offer are suitable for growing outdoors. In terms of use, they are all good for use as dessert grapes, and some of them will be suitable for wine-making too, just check their white labels for this information.
- As well as their uses, their colour will also be indicated on their white label, along with whether they are seedless or not.
- How quickly they ripen will depend on the weather, and if you're wanting them as dessert grapes, then it is best to pick a single grape and see how it tastes as you can always leave the rest of the bunch to ripen if they are not quite to your taste.
- Vines can be grown in a large container, but as with any fruit, they will produce a better crop if you plant them directly in the ground. They need a warm, sunny and sheltered position, and a free draining soil (not multi-purpose compost).
- There are various methods for pruning and training grapevines, and for easy-to-follow advice, have a look at Carol Klein's book 'Grow Your Own Fruit', or for more in-depth advice, the RHS Wisley Handbook 'Grapes: Indoors and Out'. It really isn't as difficult as you might think, and besides, there are no set-in-stone rules.