

Grape Tomato



Solanum lycopersicum 'Grape'

- **Use:** A perfect selection for small snack sized fruit; some varieties come in red, yellow and orange, adding pops of color to gardens; sweet and firm, they can grow up to 8 feet tall and require staking; perfect for appetizers, salads cocktails and snacking. The tomatoes have a sweet taste and a firm texture.
- **Exposure/Soil:** Full sun or at least 5-6 hours of afternoon sun. Water regularly, when top 3 in. of soil is dry. Use slow release fertilizer for best results. Keep water off leaves and flowers.
- **Growth:** Grows quickly 3' tall. Plant 3' apart in rows(4' wide). You'll definitely want to stake or cage these vigorous climbers to keep the fruit off the ground and avoid pests and diseases.
- **Hardiness:** Zone 9-11, Annual, Houseplant.
- **Foliage:** Small, lacy leaves.
- **Fruit:** Bright red tomato sized and shaped like a large grape. Fruits are sweet, and last a long time off the vine. Flavor is similar to a classic cherry tomato but with its own unique nuances. Plants bear fairly heavily and fruits form in clusters. Fruits are generally 1" long, 3/4" wide. Semi-determinate. Open pollinated. The fruit will often fade to orange over time.

Easy Caprese Salad Recipe

1 pint of grape tomatoes
½ lb. bocconcini -1 inch fresh Mozzarella balls

2 tbsp. Extra Virgin olive oil
A dozen or so fresh basil leaves
Salt and freshly ground black pepper