

Arbequina Olive



We love them in a planter on our patio to remind us of California and the Mediterranean.

Olea europaea 'Arbequina'

- **Use:** A self-fruiting olive prized for its dark brown fruit with highly aromatic oil content and attractive, silvery green foliage. Highly adaptable, it produces abundantly in hot dry climates, and has shown increased hardiness over other varieties, withstanding temperatures as low as 5 degrees. Makes a beautiful specimen shrub or small tree.
- **Exposure:** Full (preferred) to partial sun. They like alkaline soil: pH 7.5 – 8.5 or 9, so liming the soil will be necessary. Soil must be sandy and have great drainage.
- **Growth:** Slowly reaches 35 to 40 ft. tall, 25 ft. wide.
- **Hardiness:** Zone 7b-11; Shrub/ Tree (Cold hardiness will depend on your site, our winter, and it will need protection.) This is one of the most cold hardy cultivars on the market.
- **Foliage:** Deciduous. The grey-green leaves are thick and leathery, with stomata on the undersides that aid in water conservation.
- **Flower:** The name Arbequina, comes from the Spanish village Arbeca, where this hardy olive cultivar originated in the 17th century. Olea 'Arbequina' is now one of the most important cultivars in worldwide olive production, prized for its highly aromatic, high oil content and dark brown fruit.

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