

# Concord Grapes



This is a versatile grape, serving well for fresh eating, juicing, preserving, and wine-making. The vine produces very well in any sunny setting, and lives for decades. Disease-resistant and adaptable, it earns its reputation with each delicious harvest.

## *Vitis 'Concord'*

- **Use:** Nearly 150 years ago, Ephraim Wales Bull of Concord, Massachusetts, introduced an exciting new grape from crosses made over a period of years. The public loved it, and before long a man named Welch had produced a delicious non-alcoholic juice to be used in church from Concord grapes. Over the years the strain was improved, but Concord remains the most popular grape in America. And once you grow this easy, attractive vine, you'll join the chorus of approval! **Google "UGA on Growing Grapes" for a great article online.**
- **Exposure/Soil:** This grape tolerates a wide range of soil conditions, but must have good drainage. Prefers warm Southern sun exposure for best crop. Needs full sunlight and high temperatures to ripen, so plant on southern slopes, the south side of windbreaks, or the south sides of buildings.
- **Growth:** Expect it to reach 10 to 20 feet long within a decade.
- **Hardiness:** Zone 5-9; Vine
- **Foliage:** Deciduous. Dark green above and green tinged yellow beneath, the leaves are glossy on both sides, becoming firm and subglabrous at maturity.
- **Flower/Fruit:** Concord is a seeded grape, with big blue globes "frosted" with white and large edible seeds. The skin removes easily, and the fruit is wonderfully fragrant, even from a distance. The flavor is sweet and soft -- absolutely addictive!

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