

Seedless Mars Grapes



Grapes are primarily grown for fruit production in home fruit gardens where they provide good ornamental value: bold summer foliage, showy fruit, some fall color and shaggy, twisted trunking and branching often best seen in winter.

Vitis 'Mars'

- ***Use:*** A seedless, blue table grape with average sized, well-filled clusters. Grapes need a good support system like fences, walls, trellises, arbors or other structures. The grape vines can be quite attractive year-round and can provide good cover, screening, or shade to areas around the home. Developed in the South this vigorous growing selection has been shown to have good resistance to common grape diseases such as foliar diseases, black rot, and mildew. ***See UGA Handout on Growing Grapes on Plant Info page of website.***
- ***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:*** Versatile and fast growing, a grapevine can bear in just 2 years.
- ***Hardiness:*** 5-8; Vine ; Very cold hardy cultivar.
- ***Foliage:*** Deciduous. Dark green above and green tinged yellow beneath, the leaves are glossy on both sides, becoming firm and subglabrous at maturity.
- ***Flower:*** The berries are slipskin, having a tough skin that separates readily from the pulpy flesh and ripen in August. Its clusters are medium sized, cylindrical, and well filled. Mars has a Concord-like flavor and are great for fresh eating. Very productive and good for fresh eating or processing.