

Oh My Grapes



A breeding breakthrough! Native to the Southeast United States, muscadines are treasured for their flavor and vigorous vines. But big seeds and tough skins are their downsides. Most people pop traditional muscadines into their mouths, extract the pulp, and spit out the seeds and skins—not a neat experience, and one usually reserved for the outdoors. For over 100 years grape breeders have attempted to develop muscadines that are seedless with easy-to-chew skins. After a lifetime of work, developing his U.S. patent-issued methods in North Carolina, renowned grape breeder Jeff Bloodworth finally achieved this long-anticipated breakthrough: seedless, full-sized, thin-skinned, wonderfully sweet muscadines.

Vitis rotundifolia 'Oh My'

- **Use:** Harvest 40+ lbs. of fruit! Shares the rich flavor of a muscadine grape along with its hardy disease resistance. Perfect golden orbs up to 1" across explode into juicy flavor. Completely edible seedless grapes with tender skins. Hold up well in rain and against spring frost. It's a breeze to making jellies, juices, whole berry preserves, grape hull pies and other recipes that Southerners have enjoyed over the decades.
- **Exposure/Soil:** Full-part sun. Acidic Soil, Loamy Soil, Sandy Soil
- **Growth:** Fast growing vine; grows 20 to 25 ft. each year.
- **Hardiness:** Zone 7-10; Vine ; Very cold hardy cultivar. Can withstand 0 degrees. Good drainage is very important.
- **Foliage:** Deciduous. Dark green above and green tinged yellow beneath, the leaves are glossy on both sides, becoming firm and subglabrous at maturity.
- **Flower:** Yields clusters of bronze-colored, 3/4-1 in. fruits that ripen in early to mid-September in the North Carolina area—and even earlier in more southern regions. The fruits usually hold onto the vine beyond firm ripeness—and they hold through rains without cracking. This is a huge benefit for Southeastern grape growers who regularly deal with late summer and early fall rains. Self-pollinating.

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