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Grapes

A mature grapevine can produce about 7kg of fruit per year, which is enough for about 4L of wine. Mulch grapes with a well rotted compost such as Exel Biogro every spring. Grapes need adequate and thorough waterings during dry hot periods. Feed with a high potash fertilizer such as Green Valley 5-20-20 from the time fruit first develops until they start to show colour. Thinning may be needed for table varieties but is not necessary for wine making types. Use a fine netting to keep birds out. It is wise to remove a few leaves as bunches ripen in order to improve air circulation and expose the fruit to sunlight. Well draining slightly acidic soil is a must to ensure long-term viability. Plant in areas with as much sunlight and heat as possible.

Seedless Table Grapes

- Canadice** - This seedless pink variety has a light foxy flavour, tight clusters, medium size, and sweet berries; keeps crisp. An excellent eating grape, Very early maturing and winter hardy.
- Coronation** - This blue seedless vine, proven in our area produces 7 – 10kgs of sweet juicy grapes with a pleasant fruity taste.
- Festive** - This blue skinned variety has large clusters up to 1kg each Triangular and winged, loose clustered. Berries are oval, excellent eating or wine variety. Harvest in the first part of October.
- Glenora** - This grape is almost black in colour, good texture, very large fruit and very winter hardy. An excellent seedless eating grape.
- Himrod** - Medium. Produces 5-10kgs of seedless, pale green to yellow fruit in the fourth year. Hardy and holds well on the vine. A very disease resistant. Ripens August to September.

Interlaken - Medium. Greenish-white to amber yellow. Crisp, sweet, firm, tight skinned, seedless fruit with excellent flavour. Ripens July to August.

Optima - A green grape with small berries; makes a premium dessert wine. Often used to add sugar to other wines. Early ripening it reaches high sugar levels early.

Reichensteiner - This vine produces 5kg of very good wine grapes in early to late October on slightly moist soils on warmer sites. The juice blends very well with more aromatic varieties such as Siegerrebe or Ortega.

Riesling - Very hardy vine with excellent resistance to low temperatures. A green grape with medium yield; pick in mid August.

Siegerrebe - Produces 3kg of outstanding pink Muscat berries in September, which in turn produce an intensely fragrant white wine. This variety blends well with all of the wine varieties above, especially Reichensteiner.