

## **THE ROSEDALE PLANTSMAN'S GUIDE TO GROWING GRAPES**

**VARIETIES:** Rosedale offers the following Grape varieties:

‘Concord’ – Dark blue, for wine, juice, and preserves, seedless.

‘Marquis’ – White, seedless, for wine and fresh fruit.

‘Mars’ – Blue, sweet juicy, for desserts.

‘Reliance’ – Deep red, rich flavor, for desserts.

**PLANTING:** For best results, plant grapes in full sun with good air circulation, in average to well-drained soil, at 6-9' intervals. Plant vines at same level as in container or 1-2" deeper in ground. Fertilize with 4-10-6 (Bulbtone) or 5-10-5 fertilizer, and mulch with regular Pine Bark Mulch.

### **PRUNING AND TRAINING:**

**First season** - Do not prune. Allow plants to grow shoots and become established.

**First early spring after planting** - Begin training on trellis of vertical timber posts (spaced approximately 6-8' apart) with two horizontal wires, or train on arch or pergola. Remove small shoots from trunk (main shoot), leaving the two strongest horizontal branches on each side, for training on wires. Tie side branches to train on wires.

**Each early spring** - Remove any damaged or diseased canes. Prune spurs from horizontal branches back to 2-3 buds. Fertilize with 4-10-6 (Bulbtone) or 5-10-5. Keep base of vine free from weeds and grass.

**PESTS:** Ask us for current spray recommendations to control mildew, etc. Cover ripening grapes with garden netting to limit eating by birds and raccoons.

### **MATERIALS HELPFUL FOR PLANTING:**

4-10-6 (Bulbtone) or 5-10-5 Fertilizer

Pine Bark Mulch

Tying Tape

Posts and Wire for Trellises

Garden Netting

**HELPFUL EQUIPMENT:**

Garden Spade  
Felco No. 2 Pruners

**SUGGESTED REFERENCES:**

*The Organic Backyard Vineyard: - A Step by Step Guide To Growing Your Own Grapes by Tom Powers*

*The Grape Grower: A Guide to Organic Viticulture by Lon J. Rombough*