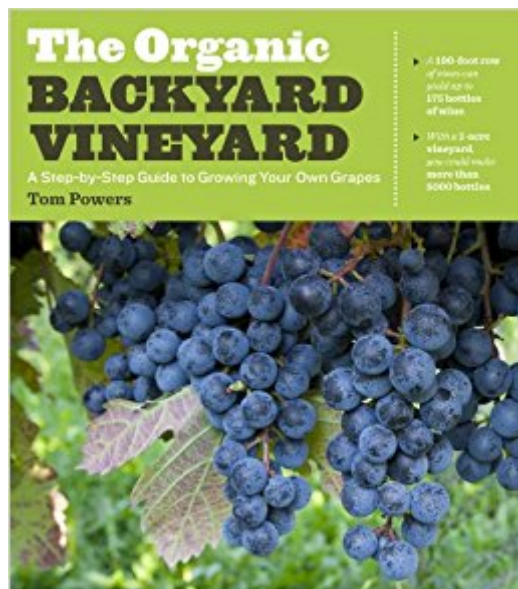




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# The Organic Backyard Vineyard: A Step-by-Step Guide To Growing Your Own Grapes



## Synopsis

Interest in wine shows no signs of slowing down—wine tours, tastings, and vacations are now common and homeowners often have space dedicated to their collection. The logical next step? Learning to grow and make your own. In *The Organic Backyard Vineyard* expert Tom Powers walks the small grower through the entire process of growing grapes, with a month-by-month maintenance guide covering all regions of the U.S. and Canada. He explains everything a beginning grape grower needs to know: how to design and build a vineyard, how to select grapes for each region, how to maximize yield using organic maintenance techniques, how to build a trellis, how to harvest at peak flavor, and how to store grapes for winemaking. This edition includes organic growing information and all new photography.

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“Wine lovers who dream of planting vines at home, whether they have room for one acre or a single row, will find valuable advice in a new book, *The Organic Backyard Vineyard: A Step-by-Step Guide to Growing Your Own Grapes*. Emphasizing ecologically sound practices, author Tom Powers carefully maps out the steps would-be vignerons should consider to ensure success.” —*Wine Spectator* . . . everything that the novice grower needs to know about planting their own vineyard. —*Do It Yourself* “Learn how to design and build a backyard vineyard, select the best grapes for your region, use the latest organic techniques and store the bounty for winemaking.” —*Natural*

Home and Garden    “In simple, straightforward, yet extremely knowledgeable terms, Powers takes home gardeners through the logical steps in planning, implementing, and maintaining a home vineyard. . . . a good bottle of wine may now be as close as their own backyard.”  
•Booklist    “This book is absolutely packed with solid information on where to begin, what you need and how to do it.”  
•East Oregonian

“With *The Organic Backyard Vineyard* Tom Powers has given home gardeners the tools they need to go from wine-lover to winegrower. This is the real deal.”  
•Colby Eierman, author of *Fruit Trees in Small Spaces: Abundant Harvests from Your Own Backyard*  
Whether you have 50 square feet or an acre or more to plant, this straightforward guide will arm you with all the tools you need to successfully grow organic grapes. Expert Tom Powers walks you through the entire process month by month. He explains everything you need to know—from selecting grape varieties to planting, growing, and training, maintaining your vineyard using organic techniques, and finally harvesting your grapes at their peak flavor.  
With *The Organic Backyard Vineyard* you can:  
Design and build your own home vineyard  
Select the best grapes for your region  
Maximize your yield  
Use the latest organic techniques  
Build a simple, strong trellis to maintain your vines  
Harvest your grapes at just the right time  
Store the bounty for winemaking

This book is okay. I live in the Midwest, and this book seems geared towards folks growing grapes in more temperate climates. (I sort of anticipated this would be the case when I bought it, though.) I primarily purchased this book expecting to see comprehensive information on training methods. Surprisingly, I found more information on grape training methods from a different book on pruning and training plants, generally (which is sort of a shock, given that grapes comprise maybe eight or nine, not all, of the pages of that other book). Regardless, this book nevertheless is useful for other purposes, such as providing tips and guidance on placement of plants, creating support systems/trellises, watering methods, dealing with weeds organically, soil preparation, etc. The name of this book is a little deceptive. Many of the images and directions in this book depict growing grapes in a much larger area than I presume many people have available in their "backyard" (at least those who live in a city -- not sure if folks who live in more rural areas call the expansive stretches of land around them a "backyard," but I'm open to being wrong on that). Not that these methods aren't scaleable, though, to a smaller area. Just FYI.

Really good info. Covers all the areas of grape growing and then some. I recommend this book. The

only drawback is it is not up to date enough to cover the latest varieties of wine grapes like Marquette, La Crescent, etc. Hopefully the writers will publish a new edition. Great book!

Great practical info for anyone interested in growing their own grapes for wine making.

Learned a lot....thanks

An easy to understand, give it to me in a nutshell guide to growing grapes. It motivated me to order 30 rootstocks.

Purchased for my husband, who takes care of our grape vines. We want to use minimal pesticides so that our wine will be full of grape flavor and not some other flavor or odor. Really was glad to see that this book includes how to prune grapes correctly.

Lots of good, basic information. Several additional resources given. Looking forward to putting the data into practice. Definitely increased my interest level

Simply written, and well organized for the person who wants to grow a small vineyard, Right down to making wines.pretty much an A to Z book.

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