Is it really true - only wineries can grow grapes? Of course not! They can be grown by anyone and are one of the most widely produced fruits in the world. There are, however, many different types of grapes with some more suitable in the home garden than others. Grape vines like humus-rich, medium moisture, well drained soils in full sun. The more sun the sweeter the fruit. Not picky of soil conditions, but best sited in a sheltered location away from winter winds. The variety is self-pollinating.

Van Zyverden's
GRAPES CATAWBA

Grow your own

Vigorous grower

Many health benefits are claimed as they contain antioxidants
About This Variety: Vitis labrusca Catawba, is an American grape that produces copper red berries. Greenish flowers appear in spring, giving way to grapes later in the season. This grape is often used for wines (blush and rose), champagnes, jams and juices.

Growing Instructions: Plant dormant, bare-root grape vines in the early spring. Construct a trellis, or framework so you can train the vines to grow upon it. Before planting soak the roots in water for 2 hours. Full sun locations are best and good drainage is important.

Care Tip: With proper pruning, they will produce fruit with ease and can last longer than 30 years. Allow the vine to establish itself before you start harvesting fruit. This vine is so vigorous that it often produces more clusters than the vine can properly mature. Simply remove some of them as this allows for better nourishment for the remaining clusters.

Exposure: Full sun

Height: Grows 10-15’ tall

Spacing: Plant 10-15’ apart, bud union should be 1” above soil level

Hardy in: USDA zones 5-7