

# Noble Muscadine Grape Vine

Muscadine grapes (*Muscadinia rotundifolia*; formerly *Vitis rotundifolia*) are truly a fruit for the South. Native to the Southeastern United States, they were discovered by the early colonists and have been a favorite fruit of Southerners ever since. Although muscadines can be grown successfully in most parts of the state, they are best adapted from the piedmont to the coastal plain. The severe winters of the mountains hamper production there.

The Noble muscadine vine is a **black self-fertile variety** that produces medium size fruit with good quality and large clusters. This muscadine variety is the standard for making red wine. Wineries throughout Georgia, North Carolina and Tennessee use this variety to make quality red muscadine wine.

Plant muscadines in a sunny, well-drained location. Muscadines do best when they are in full sun for most of the day. Avoid shaded areas. Fruit set and production will be reduced if the vines are shaded for more than several hours each day during the growing season.

Muscadines do fairly well on most soil types as long as the drainage is good. Plant failure can be expected in locations where water stands for even short periods after heavy rains. Soils with a hardpan are not suitable.

