

# Planting Grape Vines

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Grape vines are easy to grow in Central Australia. They can be grown from cuttings or from plants.

Before planting either cuttings or plants, build the trellis for the vine and install the drip system.

The information needed for producing cuttings, building the trellis etc. is found in other fact sheets (July 94 and June 87).

Grapes are a good source of food. The fruit ripens between mid-December and March each year.

Every winter the vines need pruning to produce good fruit (see August 84 Fact Sheet).

Vines may need spraying in September to control the disease, Black Spot [spray vines with Copper Oxychloride]. Summer rains usually produce humid conditions. Downy and or Powdery Mildew may result [spray vines with Copper Oxychloride].

For further information about grape vines, contact Land Management Services at the Pitjantjatjara Council Resource Centre in Alice Springs. Tel. 08-89505413 or Fax. 08-89 534580.

Fig 1

If cuttings are being planted directly into the ground, plant them with two buds above the soil surface and two or three buds below the surface.

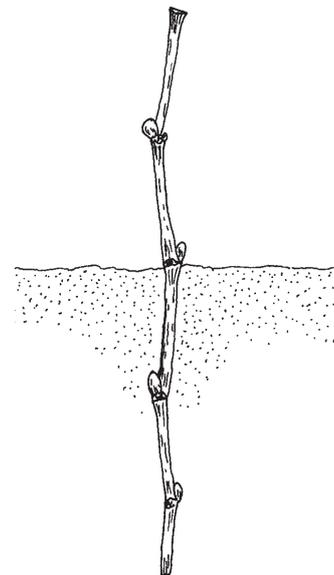


Fig 2

When the cutting begins to grow, tie a string around the top bud which has been cut in half when the cutting was made. Tie the other end of the string to the trellis and train one or two of the new shoots up to trellis height. Be careful not to pull the cutting out of the ground when tying the string to the trellis.

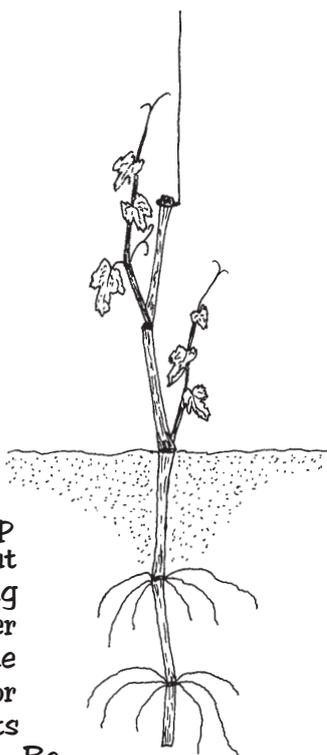


Fig 3

If a plant of a grape vine is being planted which has lots of roots, then tie a string around the top bud of the original cutting, which should already be cut in half. Tie the other end of the string to the trellis and train one or two stems up to trellis height.

