

Guide to Otto & Sons

Fruit Trees ...

Berries ...

Grapes & Nuts

Sixth Edition



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Some Starters:

Welcome to the sixth edition of our Fruit Tree Guide!

We have put considerable time and effort into researching the different varieties and we hope you find it to be a helpful reference.

Thank you for choosing Otto and Sons!

Scott Klittich and The Otto and Sons Staff

Chill Hours

Cold chill hours can be a little confusing. Basically they are the number of hours below 45°F subtracting the number of hours above 60°F between the months of November and February.

Local Chill Hours:

Malibu, Ventura, Santa Barbara:± 300 Hours

San Fernando Valley, Fillmore, Simi Valley:± 800 Hours
or less

Santa Clarita, Lancaster:± 800 Hours
or more

There is no simple test for “Chill Hours” and they are calculated as an average. Each winter season differs in total chill hours accumulated which can affect fruit production. Most of the fruit trees we carry at Otto & Sons are classified as low chill requirement and are better matched for our Southern California chill hours.

Pollination

Most of the fruit trees we carry are self-fruitful meaning that a cross pollinizer is not required for fruit to be produced.

The presence of a pollinizer however in many cases will increase the productivity of the tree. This tendency is denoted by a ‘Yes +’ on the quick reference

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APPLES

	Self-fertile	Chill Hours	Harvest	Mature Tree
Anna	Yes +	200	June	15'
Beverly Hills	Yes	250	June	18'
Braeburn	Yes	500	October	18'
Dorsett Golden	Yes +	100	June	18'
Ein Sheimer	Yes +	100	June	15'
Fuji	Yes	300	September	18'
Gala	Yes	500	August	18'
Granny Smith	Yes	400	August	18'
Pink Lady	Yes	400	October	18'

Semi Dwarf trees may be held to a desired 6'-8' size by summer pruning and regular winter pruning. The average height without summer pruning is 12'-18' feet.

Anna

Semi-Dwarf, Self-fruitful, chill hours 200, Harvest: late June. Large greenish-yellow fruit with a red blush. They are sweet and slightly tart. Good for eating, drying, and baking. Pollinize with Dorsett Golden for heavy production. Great for So. California and it produces at an early age.

Beverly Hills

Semi-Dwarf, Self-fruitful, chill hours 250, bears late June. Medium sized. It is yellow with red stripes and a crisp juicy flavor. Great for Southern California climate.

Braeburn

Semi-dwarf. The flesh is firm, crisp, juicy, and mildly tart. It has green skin with a dark red blush and keeps very well. It is originally from New Zealand. Harvest: Oct.—Nov. Self-fruitful. Chill hours: 700

Dorsett Golden

Semi-Dwarf, Self-fruitful, chill hours 100, bears mid-June—early July. Medium to large fruit. Yellow with Orange-red blush. Smooth, crisp and sweet flavor with just a touch of tartness. A good pollinizer for Anna.

Ein Sheimer

Semi-Dwarf, Self-fruitful, chill hours 100, bears mid-June to early July. Bears young. Large fruit that are crisp and tart. Golden Delicious type and very productive. Produces larger fruit when planted with Anna.

Fuji

Semi-Dwarf introduction from Japan and has become #1 apple in the U.S.A. Self-fruitful, 300 chill hours. Sweet, very crisp and juicy. Harvest in mid-Sept. Excellent pollinizer for other apples.

Gala

Semi-Dwarf, Crisp & rich flavor. A blend of sweetness & a touch of tart. A juicy taste treat! Skin is reddish / orange over yellow. A good pollinizer for other varieties. Ripens in mid August. 500 chill hrs. Self-fruitful.

Granny Smith

Semi-Dwarf from New Zealand needs 400 chill hours, thrives in hot climate. Has a large green fruit that makes for a great all-purpose apple. Crisp and tart and an excellent keeper. Good pollinizer for other apples. Requires long summer. Bears in August.

Pink Lady

Semi-Dwarf, Self-fruitful, chill hour 400+, bears late October. A hot climate apple from Australia. It is very crisp, sweet, and tart with a distinct flavor. Good keeper. Skin is reddish-pink over green when ripe.

APRICOTS—APRIUMS

	Self-fertile	Chill Hours	Harvest	Mature Tree
Blenheim (Royal)	Yes	400	July	18'
Flavor Giant	Yes	600	May	18'
Gold Kist	Yes	300	June	18'
Katy	Yes	300	June	18'
Pixie-Cot	Yes	500	June	10'
Flavor Delight Aprium	Yes +	300	July	15'

Semi dwarf trees may be held to desired size by summer pruning and regular winter pruning. Average height without summer pruning is 12- 18 feet.

Blenheim (Royal)

Semi-Dwarf, Self-fruitful, chill hours 400, bears late-June to early July. An all purpose freestone that is sweet, aromatic and flavorful with pale orange flesh. It is great for canning and drying. #1 Apricot in Calif.

Flavor Giant

Semi-Dwarf, Self-fruitful, chill hours 600, Bears May–June, earliest of the apricots. Heavy crop of extremely large, sweet, tart and flavorful fruit. High quality.

Gold Kist

Semi-Dwarf, Self-fruitful, chill hours 300, ripens early June. Excellent 'backyard' apricot for Southern California.

Freestone. Bears heavily. Very good quality.

Katy

Semi-Dwarf, Self-fruitful, chill hours 300, bears June, 3-4 weeks before Blenheim Large fruit, freestone, very flavorful. Great for warm climates. Tree ripened fruit is sub-acid (not tart).

Pixie-Cot

Genetic dwarf Harvest: June. Pale fleshed, medium sized fruit with bright gold skin. Extra sweet and juicy, with plum after taste. Self-fruitful. . Compact tree, will grow to 8'-10' on average. Container compatible. Resists root knot nematodes, but requires well-drained soil. Self-fruitful 600 hours

APRIUM

Flavor Delight

Apricot/Plum hybrid with a flavor all-its-own. It is one of the most flavorful early season fruits. Very low chill requirements: 300 hours. Ripens early July. Self-fruitful. Pollenize with another apricot for the larger crop!

CHERRIES

	Self-fertile	Chill Hours	Harvest	Mature Tree
Lapins	Yes	800	July	40'
Minnie Royal	No	400	May	17'
Royal Lee	No	400	May	20'
Stella	Yes	700	June	30'

Standards can grow to +30' if not pruned. Don't be afraid to summer prune to keep them under control. Plus normal winter pruning as well!

Lapins

Standard size tree, no pollinizer required, chill hours 800, ripens in early July. It was introduced from Canada and has a dark red, sweet cherry. The cherries are large, firm and have a good flavor. It is often sold as "Self-fertile Bing".

Minnie Royal

Medium-sized red cherry: firm with good flavor. Ripens late May to June. Very productive with low chill; 400-500 hours. Pollinizer for Royal Lee, pollinated by Royal Lee.

Royal Lee

Medium-large red cherry with heart shaped fruit. The fruit is very firm with excellent flavor: Ripens late May to June. Very productive with low chill requirements 400-500 hours. Pollinate with Minnie Royal.

Stella

Standard size tree, needs no pollinizer, chill hours 700-800, ripens mid June. It is a large cherry with nearly black skin. The fruit is richly flavored and sweet with firm flesh. The tree bears at young age. Good pollinizer for sweet cherries.

FIGS

	Self-fertile	Chill Hours	Harvest	Mature Tree
Black Jack	Yes	100	June-Sep	15'
Black Mission	Yes	100	Aug-Oct	20'-35'
Brown Turkey	Yes	100	June & Aug	15'-25'
Panache	Yes	100	August	10'
Violette de Bordeaux	Yes	100	August	10'
White Kadota	Yes	100	Aug- Nov	15'-20'
White Genoa	Yes	100	Aug & Nov	20'

Semi Dwarf to 20 feet. Standard up to 35 feet. Both will take a summer pruning to maintain size control.

Black Jack

Semi-Dwarf, self-fruitful, chill hours:100. Harvest June to September. It has large, purplish-brown figs with sweet, juicy, strawberry-red flesh.

Black Mission

Standard size tree, self-fruitful, chill hours: 100. Produces August through October. It has medium to large pear shaped fruit with purplish-black skin and strawberry colored flesh. Good flavor, on a long lived large tree.

Brown Turkey

Standard size tree, self-fruitful, chill hours 100. Bears in June through August. It has medium to large bell shaped fruit with purplish-brown skin and strawberry colored flesh matched with a sweet, good flavor. They are best eaten fresh.

Panache

Self-fruitful, 100 chill hours. Especially fine flavor! Fruit are small to med sized with green skin and yellow tiger stripes. The pulp is blood-red. With a tree size of 10' this is a great fig for pots!

Violette de Bordeaux

This is a 500 year old 'French' variety making a giant comeback because of its mature 10 ft. size. It is smaller and more compact than Black Jack making it excellent for containers and limited areas. It has small to medium purple black fruit with strawberry red pulp and a distinctive sweet, rich flavor. It bears late summer into fall.

White Kadota

Standard tree, self-fruitful, chill hours 100, bears 2 crops, August and November. It has large fruit with light greenish-yellow skin and amber flesh. It is a long lived and vigorous tree. It needs hot weather to ripen. Enjoy the exceptionally sweet figs fresh or dried.

White Genoa

Standard tree, self-fruitful, chill hours 100, bears 2 crops, August and November. It has medium to large fruit with yellowish thin skin and pinkish-white flesh. It produces very well in coastal areas. Enjoy them fresh or dried. Trees grow to 20' tall and 40' wide if left untrimmed.

NECTARINES

	Self-fertile	Chill Hours	Harvest	Mature Tree
Fantasia	Yes	500	July	14'
Goldmine	Yes	400	August	14'
Nectar Babe Miniature	No	450	July	6'
Panamint	Yes	250	July	14'
Snow Queen	Yes	250	June	14'
Southern Belle	Yes	300	July-Aug	5'

Semi dwarf trees may be held to a desired size by a summer pruning and a regular winter pruning. The average height without summer pruning is 14 feet.

Fantasia

Semi-Dwarf, Self-fruitful, 500 Chill Hours, Freestone. It produces a large crop in late July to early August. The fruit are large and yellow. The early harvest is tangy and the late harvest is sweet with a rich flavor.

Goldmine

Semi-Dwarf trees, Self-fruitful, 400 Chill Hours, Freestone. Bears in August. It has small to medium size fruit with white-flesh. The fruit are very aromatic, juicy and sweet. It has been a long time favorite in California.

Nectar Babe Miniature

Dwarf. Pollinate with a peach or another nectarine, 450 Chill Hours. Harvest mid to late July. Freestone. It has excellent quality fruit that is sweet, delicious and very flavorful. It is heavy bearing and stays at 5-6 ft. tall.

Panamint

Semi-Dwarf tree, self-fruitful, 250 Chill Hours, Ripens in late July to early August. Freestone. The fruit has red skin with yellow flesh and intense flavor. It is very aromatic and has a nice acid-sugar balance

Snow Queen

A Semi-Dwarf tree, Self-fruitful, 250 Chill Hours, Ripens in late June. Freestone. It is very popular and dependable due to its sweet and juicy white flesh. Great producer in Southern California.

Southern Belle

Genetic Dwarf – Self-fruitful, 300 Chill Hours, Ripens: late July to early August. Freestone. It has very large yellow fruit and is a very productive variety. Its mature height is 5'. This is an excellent tree for large container plantings!

NUTS

	Self-fertile	Chill Hours	Harvest	Mature Tree
Almond, All-In-One	Yes	400-500	Sep-Oct	15'
Almond, Garden Prince	Yes	400	Sep-Oct	12'
Macadamia, Beaumont	Yes	500+	Oct-April	30'
Pecan, Western Schley	+Yes	250	November	70'-100'
Pistachio, Kerman	No	800	October	20'
Walnut, Pedro	Yes	400	Sep-Oct	35'

Almonds, All-In-One

Genetic Semi-Dwarf, Self-fruitful, 400-500 Chill Hours, yields in late September to early October. The #1 Almond for the home orchard. Medium-large kernels. Heavy production of sweet, flavorful, soft-shelled nuts.

Almond, Garden Prince

Genetic dwarf tree, 10'-12' but can be kept at 8', Harvest late September to early October, 400 Chill Hours. This is a heavy producer of soft shelled good quality nuts. It has beautiful pale pink blossoms.

Macadamia, Beaumont

Standard, Harvest October - April, The showy display of pink blossoms this large tree produces makes it a favorite for its ornamental beauty as well as for its nuts. The nuts are medium-large and of very good quality.

Pecan, Western Schley

Tall tree reaching 100', Self-fruitful but does better with a pollinator, Bears in November. 250 Chill Hours. The nuts are long and tapered with a thin shell. This is a hardy tree that is easy to grow.

Pistachio, Kerman [Female]

Requires pollinizer [Peters-Male]. 800 Chill Hours, Harvest in October. It requires long hot summers to ripen. It is a slow growing tree that reaches 20'. Drought resistant when established. *Caution: do not disturb root ball when planting.*

Pistachio, Peters [Male]

Pollinizer for Kerman. 800 Chill Hours, Bears NO fruit. One Peters pollinates up to eleven females. Drought resistant, when established. *Caution: do not disturb root ball when planting.*

Walnut, Pedro

At 30' it is a relatively small tree when compared to other walnuts varieties. It has a well sealed nut with perhaps the finest flavored kernel. It is widely adapted and excellent for home planting. 400 Chill hours. Self-fruitful.

PEACHES

	Self-fertile	Chill Hours	Harvest	Mature Tree
Babcock	Yes	250	July	14'
Bonanza	Yes	200	June	10'
Bonita	Yes	400	July	14'
Donut (Stark Saturn)	Yes	440+	June-July	14'
Eva's Pride	Yes	100-200	June	14'
May Pride	Yes	175	May	14'
Mid-Pride	Yes	250	July	14'
Red Baron	Yes	300	July	14'
Santa Barbara	Yes	300	June	14'
Southern Rose	Yes	250	August	5'

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Babcock

Semi-Dwarf, Self-fruitful, 250 Chill Hours. Ripens in mid-July.

Freestone. This is a white peach that is very sweet, very juicy, low acid and very aromatic.

Bonanza

Dwarf, Self-fruitful, 200 Chill Hours, Bears in late June, Freestone.

A yellow peach with low acid and a sweet refreshing flavor.. This tree is very easy to maintain at 5-6 feet in height..

Bonita

Semi-Dwarf, Self-fruitful, 400 Chill Hours. Ripens late July. A medium to large yellow freestone that is sweet, sub-acid and very flavorful. It is a proven variety in Southern California for the coast & inland area.

Donut (Stark Saturn)

Semi-Dwarf, Self-fruitful, 440+ Chill Hours, Bears in late June through early July. Freestone. This unique white-fleshed fruit has a sunken center shaped giving it the look of a donut! It is sweet with a mild flavor described by some as almond like. It is something a little different for the gourmet!

Eva's Pride

Semi-Dwarf, Self-fruitful, 100-200 Chill Hours. Harvest in early June. Freestone. This is a medium to large sized yellow peach with a delicious fine flavor.

May Pride

Semi-Dwarf, Very early-ripening for mild winter climate. Ripens in May. Semi-freestone. 175 Chill Hours. The fruit has a delicious, sweet and tangy flavor. The pink blossoms are large and very showy.

Mid-Pride

Semi-Dwarf, 250 Chill Hours, Self-fruitful. It is the best yellow freestone for the warm winter climates of Southern California. It has exceptional flavor and dessert quality.

Red Baron

Semi-Dwarf, 250-300 Chill Hours, Self-fruitful. Bears in mid-July. Freestone. It has showy red double blossoms. The fruit is large, juicy, firm and richly flavored. This is a long time favorite in Southern California as both a landscape tree, with its beautiful blossoms, and as a fruit tree for its delicious fruit.

Santa Barbara

Semi Dwarf, 300 Chill Hours, Harvest in June. Freestone. large yellow skin fruit with red blush. The yellow flesh reddens near the pit and has a fine melting texture, excellent quality and a sweet peach flavor. This peach is ranked as one of the best tasting peaches for homeowners.

Southern Rose

Genetic Dwarf, 250 Chill Hours, Harvest early to mid August, Freestone. A large firm yellow peach with a red blush that is great for eating. Height: 5'. Excellent for large container plantings!

PEARS, ASIAN

	Self-fertile	Chill Hours	Harvest	Mature Tree
20th Century	Yes+	400	Aug-Sep	12'-18'
Shinseiki	Yes	350	July-Aug	25'

20th Century

“Apple Pear” Chill Hours 400, Ripens Aug.—Sept, Self-fruitful or pollinate with Shinseiki or another pear for a larger crop. A super sweet and juicy pear with a crisp apple texture. Keeps well, up to six months!

Shinseiki

Standard, 350+ Chill Hours, Harvest late July through early August. It has bright yellow skin with snow white flesh and is juicy, sweet, refreshing and crisp. It is easy to grow and a vigorous bearer starting in the second year. Keeps well.

PEARS, DOMESTIC

	Self-fertile	Chill Hours	Harvest	Mature Tree
Bartlett	Yes+	800	August	12'-20'
Seckel	Yes	500-800	August	10'-12'

Bartlett

Standard, 800 Chill Hours, Self-fruitful, Bears in August. This is a large pear with waxy yellow skin and sweet white flesh. Pollinate with D'Anjou, Bosc, or Winter Nellis for better production.

Seckel

Semi-dwarf, 500-800 Chill Hours, Self-fruitful. The fruit is sweet, flavorful, aromatic and spicy with russet brown skin. Resists fireblight. Connoisseurs' favorite!

PERSIMMONS

	Self-fertile	Chill Hours	Harvest	Mature Tree
Coffee Cake	No	200	Sep-Oct	30'
Fuyu-Jiro	Yes	200	November	30'
Giant Fuyu	Yes	200	October	30'
Hachiya	Yes	200	November	30'

Standard trees grow to 30' tall and 25' wide. Winter prune only!

Coffee Cake

Standard, Pollinated by Fuyu, 200 Chill Hours. Ripens in the Fall, one month earlier than Fuyu. This is a hardy and attractive tree that is pest and disease free. The fruit has a unique spicy-sweet flavor that is non-astringent. If you are considering a Fuyu, plant the pair for the ultimate persimmon experience! Enjoy while still firm.

Fuyu-Jiro

Standard, Self-fruitful, 200 Chill Hours. Ripens in the Fall. "Apple Persimmon" This is a hardy and attractive tree that is practically pest and disease free. The medium size fruit is flat shaped, crunchy when ripe, and **non-astringent**.

Giant Fuyu

Standard, 200 Chill Hours, Self-fruitful, Ripens in November. It is larger and not as flat as Fuyu. . It is sweet, flavorful, **non-astringent** and crunchy when ripe like Fuyu. This is an easy to grow tree.

Hachiya

Standard, 200 Chill Hours, Self-fruitful, Bears in the Fall. These are large, deep orange-red, acorn shaped persimmons that are sweet and flavorful when ripe. Hot summers are required to mature the fruit. **Fruit are astringent until they are ripe.** The mature fruit can be frozen and then thawed to ripen them.

PLUMS

	Self-fertile	Chill Hours	Harvest	Mature Tree
Burgundy	Yes	400	July-Aug	24'
Catalina	Yes	400	July-Aug	24'
Golden Nectar	Yes	500	July	24'
Nubiana	Yes	400+	July	24'
Santa Rosa	Yes	300	June-July	24'
Satsuma	No	300	July-Aug	30'

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Burgundy

Semi-Dwarf, 400 Chill Hours, Self-fruitful, Bear in July through early August, Semi-freestone. The maroon colored fruit has a mild sweet flavor with little or no tartness and is very pleasing. The trees have a narrow upright habit and are very productive with a prolonged harvest.

Catalina

Semi-dwarf, Self-fruitful, 400 Chill Hours, Harvest July through August. The large fruit is black and a favorite of the fresh market. It is sweet, juicy and stays firm when it is ripe. The skin and pit area have very little tartness. One of the best plums for fresh eating!

Golden Nectar

Semi-dwarf, Self-fruitful, 400-500 Chill Hours, Harvest in late July. It has golden skin and firm amber flesh that is very sweet and flavorful. The pit is small and the fruit keeps well

Nubiana

Semi-Dwarf, 400+ Chill Hours. Self-fruitful. Bears in late July. The fruit are large with purplish black skin and amber flesh. It is very sweet and flavorful with very little tartness at the skin and pit. It is excellent for the home orchards.

Santa Rosa

Semi- Dwarf, Self-fruitful, 300 Chill Hours. Bears mid June to early July. This reddish-purple plum has amber flesh with a ting of redness. It is juicy, tangy, and flavorful. This is the most popular plum in California.

Satsuma

Standard, Pollinate with Santa Rosa, 300 Chill Hours, Bearing late July. The skin is mottled maroon over green covering dark red meaty flesh. It is sweet, mild, and not tart. Very good for jam.

PLUOTS

	Self-fertile	Chill Hours	Harvest	Mature Tree
Dapple Dandy	No	400-500	Aug-Sep	12'-18'
Flavor Grenade	No	500-600	Aug-Sep	12'-18'
Flavor King	No	400	August	12'-18'

Semi dwarf trees will reach 18 foot on average. Exquisite new fruit, a plum/apricot hybrid. Standard trees can reach 24+ feet. Winter prune only.

Dapple Dandy

400-500 Chill Hours, Pollinate with Flavor Supreme or Flavor King Pluots, Santa Rosa or Burgundy Plum, Harvest in August-September. Freestone. The skin is dappled green and yellow with creamy red and white flesh that has the distinct flavors of plums and apricots.

Flavor Grenade

500-600 Chill Hours, Pollinate with a Japanese Plum: Burgundy, Santa Rosa or Satsuma. Harvest Mid-August through September. An oblong, green fruit with a red blush and a crisp texture accompanied by an explosive flavor. The fruit holds on the tree for 4-6 weeks.

Flavor King

400 Chill Hours, Pollinate with Santa Rosa Plum, Harvest late August. A sensationally sweet fruit with a spicy flavor and bouquet. It has reddish purple skin with crimson flesh.

POMEGRANATE

	Self-fertile	Chill Hours	Harvest	Mature Tree
Angel Red	Yes	150-200	August	18'
Eversweet	Yes	150	Aug-Oct	10'
Wonderful	Yes	150	Aug-Sep	20'

Angel Red

150-200 Chill Hours, Bears in early August 30 days earlier than Wonderful. The large bright red fruit contain soft seeds that yield high volumes of antioxidant rich juice. Mature height: 18'X18'.

Eversweet

150 Chill Hours, Bears Summer-Fall, Self-fruitful. The large red skinned fruit is very sweet (even young fruit is sweet) and virtually seedless, plus the juice is clear (non-staining). It is great in coastal or inland areas. The arching shrub reaches 8'-10' and can be trained as a shrub, small tree, or espalier. The flowers are a showy red-orange.

Wonderful

150 Chill Hours. Bear in September, Self-fruitful. The extra large fruit have blushed red skin and the flesh is a rich red color dripping with juice. The juice has a distinct sharp flavor. This is the best known of the pomegranates. It does best in hot inland climates. It is available as a standard tree or shrub. Grows to 20'.

SPECIALTY FRUIT TREES

Multi-Bud Trees

These unique trees are a product of multiple varieties being grafted on to one root stock. It is like having an entire orchard on one tree.

Stone Fruit 5 n 1

Babcock Peach, Kim (early) Elberta Peach, Royal Apricot, Santa Rosa Plum and Fantasia Nectarine. Bearing season in late-June through mid-August.

Apple 4 n 1

Standard Form, Anna, Fuji, Dorset Golden, Gala

Peach 4 n 1

Standard Form, (4 of 5 listed varieties) Mid-Pride, August Pride, Eva's Pride, June Pride, May Pride.

Plum 4 n 1

Standard Form, (4 of 5 listed varieties) Nubiana, Elephant Heart, Late Santa Rosa, Laroda, Beauty

Fruit Salad 4 n 1

Standard, (4 of 5 varieties below) Gold Dust peach, Independence nectarine, July Elberta peach, Late Santa Rosa plum, Blenheim apricot

Apple Espalier 6 n 1

A product of specialty grafting; Six (6) proven varieties have been grafted on to one (1) tree. The varieties are: Anna, Fuji, Gala, Braeburn, Yellow Delicious & Red Delicious. The single tree will produce from mid-July to mid-October. It is great for small patios in containers or along fences.

Apple Espalier 3 n 1

3-tier Espalier, Anna, Golden Dorset, Fuji

Pear Espalier 6 n 1

3-tier Espalier Comice, Bartlett, Bosc, D'Anjou Red, D'Anjou

'Espalier'

Espalier (pronounced /ɪˈspæliər/ or /ɪˈspæli.eɪ/) is the practice of controlling woody plant growth by pruning and tying branches so that they grow in a relatively flat plane. At Otto & Sons Nursery we train several varieties of Citrus, Figs, and Apples as Espaliers on 5'x5' trellises. Espaliers are excellent in the landscape, along walls or fences, or as a living screen. Please ask for availability and varieties.

Some Varieties we carry are:

Apples

- Anna-3 tier
- Dorsett Golden-3 tier
- Fuji-3 tier

Figs

- Black Jack
- Black Mission
- Improved Brown Turkey

Lemons

- Eureka
- Improved Myer

Limes

- Bearss
- Mexican

Oranges

- Cara Cara
- Lane Late Navel
- Valencia
- Washington Navel



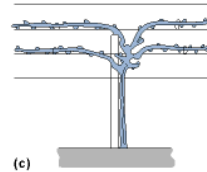
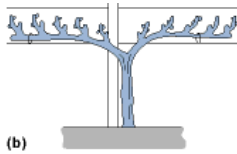
GRAPES, TABLE

All of the grapes we carry have a 100 chill hour requirement or less and are self-fruitful.

Grape Pruning: (important: grapes fruit on new wood)

Spur pruning (b): The grape should be trained into a 'T' shape form, with the top of the 'T' being a large horizontal stock that the canes grow from each year. The place where the cane grows from off this stock is called a 'spur'. Each year the grape should be pruned back to this spur. The spurs should be new wood from this last season, 6" apart and each have 2 buds on them.

Cane Pruning (a, c): The grape should be trained into a small tree form with the head of the tree even with your trellis. Select 4 long canes of new wood from last season, 2 going each directions. These are going to be your main canes for this coming season. Cut off the rest leaving 4 spurs in the middle to produce the following years canes, and tie the new main four canes to your trellis.



Black Monukka, Seedless

Harvest August to September. The large fruit are **purplish-black**, sweet and crisp. It does NOT require as much summer heat as Thompson. Enjoy fresh or as raisins.

Concord, California

Harvest September, Blue-black, Seeded. A large oblong grape with a sweet flavor. It is good for mild coastal & cold winter areas. Good for table, juice & jelly. Not subject to Pierce's Disease. Cane or spur prune.

Canadice, Seedless

Harvest September, **Red**, Seedless. A sweet grape that is extremely winter hardy.

Concord, Seedless

Harvest September, **Bluish-black**, Seedless (or seeds are very rare). A large oblong American grape with green flesh and a distinctive Concord flavor. Table use as well as juice & jelly. Excellent for arbors. Sport of Concord. Cane or spur prune

Flame Seedless

Harvest late July, **Red**, Seedless. A medium sized fruit with firm flesh and great eating quality. It is very productive. The skin color may vary in extremely hot areas. Table grape and raisins. Great for use on arbors, wires or fence. Cane prune

Interlaken Seedless

Harvest August, **Pale green**, Seedless. It is a hybrid from Thompson & American Seedless. It is more cold hardy than Thompson. and takes less heat to ripen. The fruit is sweet and crisp. Cane or spur prune.

Perlette, Seedless

Harvest late July, **Pale green**, Seedless. The fruit is crisp and juicy. It is larger than Thompson, is ready to harvest 2 weeks earlier and requires less summer heat than Thompson to ripen. Spur prune.

Thompson Seedless

Harvest August, **Green**, Seedless. This medium sized grape is the most popular grape in California. It is very productive and the plant may need thinning to increase fruit size. Cane prune. Enjoy it fresh or make raisins.

GRAPES, WINE

Cabernet Sauvignon

Harvest September, **Black**, Seeded. A small round late season red wine grape. It has a strong flavor and is one of the most renowned red wine grapes. Vigorous, upright vine. Cane prune.

French Colombard

Harvest August, **Yellow-green**, 50 Chill Hours. A very productive vine with juicy fruit for fruity white wines. It is heat tolerant.

Gewurtztraminer

Harvest August, **Pink to Bluish-brown**. From Germany this small grape produces a fruity, spicy, aromatic, moderately sweet, white wine. It requires cool summers for best quality. Cane prune.

Golden Muscat

Harvest August, **Golden-yellow**. American/European hybrid. Large egg-shaped fruits. Characteristic Muscat flavor & aroma. Cane prune.

Merlot

Harvest September to October, **Bluish-black**. Grapes are medium sized and round. It yields wines of fine bouquet that are softer and age more rapidly than Cabernet Sauvignon. It is better suited for cool areas. Spur or cane prune.

Pinot Chardonnay

Harvest Late August, **Green**, Usually with one seed. It produces a small round fruit in small cylindrical clusters. It is used for white table wine. Average production. Large leaves. Cane prune.

Pinot Noir

Harvest August, Small **Black** berries that yield the famous French Burgundy wines and soft Pinots. It requires cool summers. Cane prune.

Syrah (aka Shiraz)

Harvest September-October. Grapes are small, round and very dark skinned. The fruit grows in tight clusters. Spur prune.

Zinfandel

Harvest August. A medium sized round, juicy, reddish-black berry used to produce fruity red wines. It prefers mild winters and cool summers. Spur prune.

BERRIES, CANE

Blackberry, Black Butte

Harvest Late June, Trailing . This is the “World’s Largest” Blackberry! The fruit measures 2” long by 1” in diameter, nearly twice the size of other fresh blackberries. The fruit is firm and great for eating. Grows well in areas that stay above 10 degrees.

Blackberry, Obsidian

Harvest late June thru mid July, A large size shiny-black berry. It is one of the heaviest bearing varieties.

Blackberry, Olallie

Harvest late May to early July. The shiny black fruit is 1.5” long by ¾” thick. It is sweeter and less tart than some others. Vigorous growers and very productive. Hardy above 10 degrees. ²⁹Commercially grown in California.

Boysenberry, Regular

Harvest June. A large berry, 1.5" long by 1" thick. It is a reddish-black berry that is soft, very juicy and has a sweet-tart flavor. Wonderful aroma. Medium to large thorns. Excellent for canning, freezing or eating fresh. Good for California's mild winters.

Boysenberry, Thornless

Harvest June. A reddish-black medium sized berry. It is less vigorous and productive than its thorned brother. It has good flavor and quality.

Raspberry, Bababerry

Harvest in early summer. These extra large berries are red, sweet, firm and flavorful. It is excellent for hot valley areas with mild winters.

Raspberry, Autumn Bliss

Harvest August into October. A large oval conical fruit that is medium to dark red in color. It has a pleasant mild flavor. Enjoy fresh.

Raspberry, Red Heritage

Harvest July to September. These large red berries are firm and have excellent quality. An ever-bearing variety with good vigor and hardy canes that do not need staking.

Raspberry, Anne

Harvest August through October. The pale yellow fruit is large and attractive. It has excellent an flavor with notes apricot. This is a vigorous plant with good yields that ripens relatively late.

BLUEBERRIES

	Self-	Chill	Harvest	Mature
Emerald	Yes+	250	May-June	5'
Jewel	Yes+	200	May-June	5'
Jubilee	Yes+	500	May-June	5'
Oneil	Yes+	300	May-June	5'
Sharpblue	Yes+	500	May-June	5'
Southmoon	Yes+	500	May-June	5'
Sunshine Blue	Yes+	150	May-June	3'

Plant blueberries in a sunny location with soil that has good drainage. If your soil is poor or marginally drained, a raised bed 3-4 feet wide and 8-12 inches high works very well for blueberries. If your soil does have good drainage work up a planting area approximately 2½ feet in diameter and 1 foot deep. Plant the blueberries in a pure mix of equal volumes peat moss, Azalea/acid compost, and Orchid bark. Blueberries thrive in acidic soils. They like to stay moist throughout the growing season, so easy access to water is also a good idea.

(See our Blueberry Care handout for more information.)

Emerald

Midseason: late May-mid June. Emerald yields abundant crops of the largest Southern Highbush berries with a mild, sweet flavor. Its rounded, spreading bush to 5 feet, makes it a great landscape plant. Dependable in southern climates with a low chill requirement of 250 hours.

Jewel

Early Midseason: mid May - mid June. Jewel has become one of the leading varieties in California due to its adaptability, exceptional growth, high yields, and large tangy fruit. Jewel is excellent for warmer regions due to its low chill requirement of 200 hours. Plant with other midseason varieties for best pollination.

Jubilee

Midseason: late May - early June. Jubilee has distinguished itself by performing well in heavier soils through summer heat. We especially like the upright (5'), compact bush and the easy-picking sky blue berries over the outer periphery of the bush. Jubilee berries are medium sized and especially tasty, growing in large clusters that ripen over a two week period. Fall foliage is yellow orange. Jubilee needs about 500 chilling hours.

Misty

Early: late May - early June. Misty is one of the most attractive, vigorous and high yielding Southern Highbush varieties. The 5' plant has bright blue-green foliage providing a perfect contrast to the pink and white spring flowers. It produces sky blue medium sized fruit. Yields best when planted with other varieties. Chilling needs are very low (300 hours).

Oneil

Very Early: mid May-early June. First to ripen and early to bloom, this upright bush produces stout canes with bright red wood, while displaying large glossy green leaves in the summer and brilliant mixed red colors in the fall. Plant grows to 5'. Berries are light blue and large in size. Chill hours 400. Avoid frost pockets.

Sharpblue

Early: late May - early June. Sharpblue is the leading and most adaptable variety in low chill areas throughout the world. This plant will reach over 5' tall in milder zones with fewer than 500 chilling hours, Sharpblue will bloom and fruit almost year-round, with foliage remaining nearly evergreen. The berries are dark blue, about dime size, with excellent flavor and texture. We recommend Sharpblue in areas with mild winters where hard frosts are uncommon.

Southmoon

Midseason: late May - late June. The bush is vigorous and upright (5') and does especially well in lighter, sandy soils or with generous addition of organic matter. The fruit is large and very sweet. This Florida native is performing well in California, both inland and on the coast, where chilling hours reach 500. We believe it will become a favorite for Southern California gardeners.

Sunshine Blue

Midseason: late May - mid June. Sunshine Blue has it all. This semi-dwarf (3'), versatile evergreen blueberry features showy hot pink flowers that fade to white in spring, yielding large crops of medium sized, delicious berries. Sunshine Blue tolerates higher pH soils better than many other blueberries and it is self-pollinating. The low chilling requirement of 150 hours makes it suitable for Southern California gardens.

STRAWBERRIES

Chandler

Rated as 1st choice for commercial planting, these very large berries have high yields and excellent quality fruit. Excellent coastal variety and adapts well to summer or winter planting. Use in pie, jam, jelly and fresh.

Sequoia (Everbearing)

The most common variety found in Southern California due to its very large berry. It blooms within 10 weeks of planting. The fruit freezes well.

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Grapefruit

Oro Blanco

Semi-dwarf, Bears December-May, Seedless, 12'. It has a large sized fruit with yellow rind and sweet juicy white flesh. It peels moderately well. The vigorous spreading canopy makes for a wonderful accent in the landscape. Best for in the ground planting.

Rio Red

Semi-dwarf, Bears June to September, Seedless, 12'. A vigorous growing tree with large sweet juicy fruit. It needs summer heat for the fruit to color well. Bears well. Developed in Texas.

Ruby Red

Semi-dwarf, Bears June through September, Seedless, 12'. A similar variety to Rio Red except it was developed in Florida. It lends itself well to the landscape, both in-ground and large containers.

Kumquats

Meiwa

Semi-dwarf, Bears November through March, 8'-10', Nearly thornless. The round fruit is sweeter, juicier, and less seedy than other Kumquats. It likes cool summers and is considered the best eating of all varieties. Best fresh.

Nagami

Semi-dwarf, Bears November through March, Few seeds, 8'. It produces a heavy yield of small-oval bright orange fruit. The rind is tender, making the whole fruit edible. The flesh is tart and is excellent for candying and marmalade.

Lemons

Eureka

Semi-dwarf, Ever-bearing tendency, 12'-15'. This is the major commercial variety and is great for home orchards as well. The medium sized fruit are bright yellow and juicy with a high acid flavor. The fruit holds well on the tree.

Meyer 'Improved'

Semi-dwarf, Ever-bearing tendency, 12'-15'. This is a commercial variety that is hardy and productive. It is also ideal for the backyard and does great in large containers. It is more compact than the Eureka and trims well. The fruit is medium sized, smooth skinned and very juicy. Holds well on the tree.

Pink Lemonade

Dwarf, Semi-everbearing, 8'. Developed from a sport of Eureka it has green and white variegated leaves, and green stripes on the light yellow fruit. The flesh is light pink. A unique tree that makes for a handsome landscape tree.

Limes

Bearss

Semi-dwarf, Bears August through May, Seedless, 8'. The small thin skinned, dark-green fruit turns to a pale yellow at full maturity. It is highly productive and requires less heat to ripen the fruit than the Mexican Lime. It also has less thorns than the Mexican Lime. It is an attractive tree with dense, dark green foliage. True acid lime flavor. Aka: Persian Lime.

Mexican/Key Lime

Semi-dwarf, Semi-everbearing, Few seeds, 8'-10'. This variety can be thorny, but worth the effort. The fruit is juicy, small, and round with a green rind at maturity. It can be grown in large containers. Frost tender. Aka: Bartenders Lime'

Mandarins

The 'Cuties' brand of mandarin uses two varieties of mandarin; the Clementine tangerine, available November-January; and the Murcott tangerine, available February-April.

Calamondin

Semi-dwarf, Harvest November to June, **10'-12'**. The fruit is small and orange, about 1" in diameter, with a thin yellow-orange peel. The flesh is orange, juicy and acidic. They are widely grown as an ornamental tree because of their orange fruit and the contrast against the clean green leaves. They do very well as container plants.

Honey

Semi-dwarf, Harvest November to January, **10'-12'**, Many Seeds, Cold Hardy, The fruit is a light yellow-orange, similar to honey, with a strong rich tangerine flavor. The flesh is tender and melts in your mouth. The fruit holds well on the tree for a long harvest season. The tree is vigorous and fast growing.

Satsuma

Semi-dwarf, Harvest late December early January, **10'-12'**, Seedless. This mandarin variety produces sweet fruit with delicate flavor like candy on a tree. The fruit is great eaten fresh, added to fruit salads or eaten as dessert. It keeps well on the tree.

Tango

Semi-dwarf, Harvest January through April, **10'-12'**, Seedless. The large fruit (over two inches) has a rich, sweet flavor and lots of juice, plus it is easy to peel. It is a deep orange color and is finely textured.

W. Murcott

Standard, Bears January through May (may bear alternate years), Few Seeds, 15'. An attractive medium size fruit with smooth reddish-orange rind and flesh. It is easy to peel and nearly seedless with an excellent flavor. Originally introduced from Morocco.

Tangerines

Tangerines are a sub-set of mandarins, classified by their darker orange/red rind.

Clementine

Semi-dwarf, Harvest November through April, 10'-12' This is an excellent early tangerine. The tree has a weeping habit. The deep orange-red fruit is small to medium sized and is easy to peel with a sweet and juicy flavor. Very few seeds.

Dancy

Semi-dwarf, Harvest December through April, Seeded, 12'. The orange-red fruit is small to medium size. They are moderately juicy with a rich acidic flavor. The rind gets puffy with maturity and makes for easy peeling. Moderate amount of juice. Few thorns.

Pixie

Semi-dwarf, Harvest March through July, Seedless, 12'. It is great for coastal to intermediate regions. Growth habit is open and up-right with dark green foliage. The fruit peels exceptionally easy, has a mild & pleasant flavor. The fruit size is small, with a yellow-orange rind.

Oranges

Cara Cara, Navel Orange

Semi-dwarf, Bearing November through March, Seedless, 15'. The fruit is large with a deep orange rind and reddish-pink interior. The flavor is much like the Washington Navel and holds well on the tree. The tree can be kept small, in containers.

'Lane Late' Navel Orange

Semi-dwarf, Bears February through June, Seedless, 15'. This species is excellent for warm winter areas. The tree can be used in large containers. The fruit peels easily and is high in flavor and juice content.

Moro, Blood Orange

Semi-dwarf, Produces January through May, 8', Few seeds. The reddish-orange medium sized fruit has deep red flesh with a hint of raspberry to the flavor. The tree is a classic round shape and produces the fruit to the outside of the tree, in clusters. It does well from the desert to the sea! Note: The more heat, the deeper the color of the fruit.

Valencia

Semi-dwarf, Bears June through December, 10-12', Some seeds. Referred to as 'The Summer Orange' or 'Juice Orange' it holds very well on the tree. The thin skinned medium sized fruit is the classic orange. It produces very well in large containers.

Valencia Midnight

Standard, Bears June through December, 18', Very few seeds. It has improved flavor and higher juice content than the standard Valencia, plus it matures 2-4 weeks earlier.

Washington Navel Orange

Semi-dwarf, Produces December through May, 10'-12', Seedless.

Principle navel variety. The tree is round in shape with dense foliage and as with all citrus, it is ever-green and thrives in the full sun. The fruit is large in size, big on flavor, and easy to peel. The fruit holds well on the tree and has a deep orange color. It has very fragrant flowers in the spring and adapts well to most areas except the desert and along the coast.

Tangelo

Minneola

Semi-dwarf, Produces February through May, 8'-10', Few seeds. A

cross between a Tangerine and a Grapefruit it has a unique blend of flavor and aroma. A distinctive, tart tangerine flavor and thick orange-red skin with a classic pear-shaped neck. The fruit is produced on the outside of the tree, giving it a high landscape value. It is excellent in containers and can be grown indoors.

AVOCADO

	Flower Type	Harvest	Mature Tree size
Hass	A	March-Oct	30'
Holiday	A	Aug-July	12'
Jim Bacon	B	Sep-Jan	25'
Lamb Hass	A	March-Oct	40'
Little Cado	A or B	May-Sep	12'
Pinkerton	A	Oct-Nov	30'

They are evergreen trees and the size varies by variety.

What they need:

Drainage and mulch: Amend heavy and clay soils. Mound the soil to about 18" above grade and plant the tree on the mound to create good drainage.

Water: keep moist but not wet. Deep water. Maintain 4 inches of mulch out to drip line.

Fertilize: Feed young trees lightly. Mature trees need 1 pound of Nitrogen per year; half in spring & half in summer. Treat chlorosis with iron or zinc chelates.

Pollination: Combine type 'A' bloomer with type 'B' for best fruit production.

Hass

Type A, Harvest: March through October. Hardy to 30°F. 30'. The fruit are excellent quality with bumpy green skin that turns black when ripe. Excellent for home or orchard use. 7-12 oz. fruit

Holiday

Type A, Bears August through July, 12'. The fruit holds well on the tree for a prolonged harvest. Ideal for small yards. 15 -30 oz fruit.

Jim Bacon

Type B, Harvest September through January, 25' x 30'. It produces when young and has a reliable crop of medium sized green skinned, fruit. Mexican type.

Lamb Hass

Type A, Harvest March through October, 40' x 40'. Similar to the Hass, the Lamb Hass is an excellent tasting avocado that features a thick, pebbly skin that turns black when ripe.

Little Cado

Type A or B, Harvest May through September, 12'. Hardy to 32°F. It can be use as a dwarf backyard tree in patio planter, or espalier. It has good tasting fruit with medium thin skin. 8-14 oz

Pinkerton

Type A, Harvest October through November, 30' x 40'. It produces a reliable crop of medium sized green skinned fruit of good quality. Mexican type.

GUAVAS

Pineapple (Feijoa)

Spring bloom with summer fruit, 25'. It is a large multi-stem shrub or tree. The flowers are edible as well as the fruit. Flower petals are sweet and can be used in salads, jellies and jams. The fruit can be used for juice or fresh.

Beaumont Red (Psidium)

Self-fruitful, Evergreen, 25' tall and wide, Harvest August through October. The large rounded fruits grow to 1 or 2 pounds. They are sweet with flavorful flesh that can be used fresh, canned, or in juice.

Red Strawberry

Self-fruitful, Evergreen, 25' tall and wide Harvest August through October. Dark red skinned guava, closely related to the common guava, with an excellent strawberry like flavor. The fruits are small, 1.5" around, and the pulp is translucent and very juicy.

JUJUBES

They are shiny, reddish-brown, date like fruit with a sweet apple flavor. They Need hot summers for fruit to ripen. Most trees are thorny and grow to 15-20 feet tall in 15 years.

Li

Harvest August. The round shaped fruits are reddish brown and wrinkled with a sweet flavor and a chewy texture (like dates). They are virtually pest and disease free. Requires summer heat. Aka: Chinese date

Sugar Cane

Harvest August. The round fruit are smaller than Li but are sweet with crunchy flesh. The tree is hardy and drought tolerant plus virtually pest and disease free. It requires a long, hot summer to ripen. Pollinate with Lang for a larger crop.

MULBERRIES

Teas Weeping Mulberry

Deciduous. This is a grafted tree, staying about 6-8ft with a very dramatic weeping affect. Good looking accent piece and the fruit is good for fresh eating right off the tree and for canning.

Pakistan Fruiting Mulberry

Harvest June to July. Height of up to 30'. King of the fruiting mulberries producing 3 ½ to 5" long, maroon to black berries. The berries are very sweet and flavorful with a raspberry-like flavor. The fruit juice does not stain.

Persian Mulberry.

Harvest June, 30'x 35', Heavy bearing, likes water, deciduous. An excellent yard tree that produces tasty berries that will stain fingers and driveways. The fruits are black-berry shaped and very flavorful.

OLIVES

Olives are self-fruitful, except where noted, but even if a pollinizer is not required, mixing varieties will help increase the yields. Olives are evergreen, long-lived, beautiful ornamentals with soft gray-green foliage. The trees are slow growing and reach about 25'-30' in maturity. They thrive in hot summers but will tolerate coastal regions too. The winter temperatures should not drop below 22°-25°F (green fruit will be damaged at 32°F), but average winter temperatures above 50°F will inhibit fruiting. The trees are drought resistant and grow best in alkaline soils with little fertilization.

Arbequina

An evergreen tree with an upright habit it is naturally compact. The oil is sweet, delicate and fragrant with an intense fruitiness, but with low levels of bitterness and spiciness. 12'

Arbosana

Pollinated by Arbequina. A late maturing tree with high producing fruit and a tendency toward alternate bearing. It is resistant to leaf drop and cold. A tree of lower vigor and high productivity making it a great choice for high-density planting. The tree begins to fruit when it is 2 years old and reaches full fruiting at 5 years

old. The yield in oil is very good (19-20%). The oil has a unique fruity flavor.

Frantoio

Self-fruitful, Maturation is late and gradual. When ripe the fruit is purple-black, but should be picked when it is green or purple. It is rich in oil (between 17 and 22%) which is very fruity, notably aromatic and of high quality. It has high, constant productivity. It is extremely early in setting fruit.

Manzanillo

Self-fruitful variety that is very productive and only slightly alternate bearing. Pollinate with Gordal Sevillana. It is used for table fruit. The olives (3-5 grams in weight) should be picked very early (September), when they are still green. Good resistance to cold and to changes in the weather. The most important Spanish cultivar. These olives are appreciated on the international markets for the recognizable shape of the fruit, the ease of removing the pit and for the excellent quality of the flesh.

Mission

Self-fruitful. Productivity is medium and alternate. Prized as a dual-purpose variety, being used in green and black pickling as well as oil production. When mature, the fruit has about 22% oil content. The fruit has a medium removal force and is freestone. It flowers in late May and ripens late. It is cold tolerant.

VEGETABLES

ARTICHOKE

A perennial vegetable with large edible flower heads

Improved Green Globe

Plant it in the Fall for a Spring harvest. Allow it ample room as it can grow to 4' tall by 6' wide. Treat it as an annual.

Imperial Star

The sweet, mild-flavored flower buds are round and thornless.

They stay closed longer on the plant than other varieties, so you don't have to pick the entire crop at once. Harvest them at 4 1/2 inches in diameter for best flavor.

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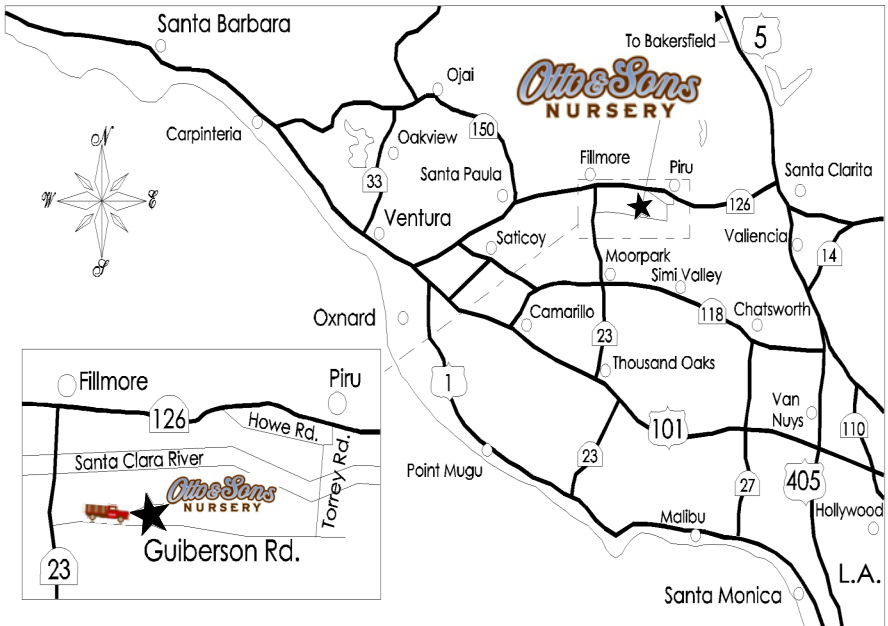
U.C. '72'

Harvest March through April. An ornamental plant as well as an edible, this variety exhibits high production, large stems, and does well in interior valleys as well as coastal areas. It takes 2-3 years to come into production.

RHUBARB

Victoria Cherry

A vigorous ornamental as well as an edible. The thick deep red stalks are tart and great for pies, sauces and canning. It grows well in all climates, but prefers rich, moist soil, some shade and good drainage.



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