

RECOMMENDED PRUNING METHOD FOR GRAPE VARIETIES GROWN IN W.A.

Variety	Normal pruning	Comments
Zante Currant	14 to 24 two bud spurs	Several canes may be left in addition to the spurs when the vines get old and less fruitful.
Early Madeleine, Chasselas Canon Hall Muscat, Cardinal, Red Prince, Ribier, Italia, Black Wortley Hall, Barlinka, Santa Paula ('Ladies Finger'), Flame Seedless	10 to 20 two bud spurs	Most of these varieties will require some shoot and bunch thinning during the spring to avoid over cropping and improve fruit quality.
Muscat Gordo, Cardinal	8 to 14 one bud spurs	A very fruitful variety. Shoot and bunch thinning often required. Keep cordons short (50 to 60 cm).
Waltham Cross	10 to 20 two bud spurs	Prune as late as possible. Excessive vigour leads to poor setting. If vigour cannot be controlled by spur pruning, several 6 to 10 bud canes should also be left.
Ohanez	6 to 10 canes plus replacement spurs 4 to 10 canes plus spurs	Long canes are preferred. Best results when trained to an overhead trellis. Canes 12 to 15 buds long.
Red Emperor and Black Malaga	10 to 16 two bud spurs plus 2 to 4 six bud canes	Vines trained on overhead trellis require more canes. These canes should be 10 to 16 buds long.
Cabernet, Rhine Riesling, Malbec, Verdelho, Chardonnay, Pinot Noir	2 to 4 canes plus replacement spurs	Canes 12 to 15 buds long.
Shiraz	2 to 6 canes plus replacement spurs	Canes 12 to 15 buds long. Vigorous vines may be successfully spur pruned.
(French) Colombard	14 to 25 two bud spurs	Spur length can be increased to four buds if cropping levels are below capacity.
Chenin Blanc, Grenache, Pedro, True Semillon, Zinfandel, Muscadelle (Tokay), Sylvaner, Traminer	7 to 14 two bud spurs per vine	These varieties are extremely fruitful and cane pruning would lead to severe over cropping. Grenache is often pruned to one-bud spurs.
Red Globe	4 to 6 canes plus replacement spurs	Canes 8 to 12 buds long
Crimson Seedless	4 to 6 canes plus replacement spurs	Canes 12 to 15 buds long
Perlette, Marroo Seedless	12 to 24 two bud spurs	
Dawn Seedless	12 to 14 two bud spurs	Shoot thin to 2 shoots per spur when shoots are 200 mm