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PLANT PORTRAIT

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Botanical name	Vitis vinifera 'Vanessa'
Delivery size	2 plants · each in a 15 cm pot · overall height about 50 cm
Family	Vitaceae
Lifespan	Perennial, woody and deciduous
Flower colour	Inconspicuous greenish
Flowering	Early summer, depending on region and weather
Planting	Preferably during dormancy from late autumn to early spring; spring in cold locations, frost-free soil
Spacing	About 1.2–1.5 m for a trained trellis; broader training needs more room
Botanical classification	Shop name Vitis vinifera; interspecific grape variety with V. vinifera and V. labrusca in its ancestry
Fruit colour	Called purple in the shop; described by specialist sources as a red to reddish-purple table grape
Fruit characteristic	Seedless; small soft seed remnants may occur
Harvest	Late summer to autumn according to local ripeness
Later height	Several metres; pruning and training form determine maintained size

Care at a glance

Observe, check and adapt care to the position and season. This table provides guidance for everyday practice.

Topic	What to do	Why it helps
Light	Plant sunny, warm and sheltered with room for an airy trellis.	Light and warmth help shoots and fruit ripen.
Planting	Set the root ball at its existing level; an existing graft union remains above soil.	The potted plant is not buried deeply with its entire trunk.
Water	During dryness, water the young root zone slowly and thoroughly.	Establishing vines and containers do not yet have large soil reserves.
Soil	Provide permeable well-supplied soil and clear drainage in containers.	Roots need air; persistent waterlogging harms them.
Support	Tie the main shoot loosely and check ties regularly.	Growing trunks must not be constricted by tight cords.
Fertiliser	Dose according to soil supply and actual growth.	More nitrogen and foliage do not automatically mean better grapes.
Pruning	Build the framework deliberately, combining annual dormant pruning with summer care.	Fruiting shoots grow from buds on the previous year's wood.
Winter	Protect roots in small containers and guard new growth from late frost.	Dormancy of wood and sensitivity of fresh leaves are different things.

Knowledge that grows

Two young vines against garden light

Vanessa is interesting with lobed green leaves long before the first grape. We like the idea of accompanying two young vines against a pale wall and recognising each new tendril. Colourful seedless table grapes can appear later. The variety has a mild fruity character and comparatively firm flesh. Nevertheless, our portrait begins with slender young plants. A freshly planted garden corner with an open framework shows their current size more honestly than a finished heavily laden vine wall that can develop only over years.

Connect shop name and fruit colour clearly

The offer calls *Vitis vinifera* Vanessa a seedless purple grape. Specialist descriptions classify the variety as a red to reddish-purple table grape. Different ripeness, light and natural bloom can change the colour impression. The shop name is retained for identification; this does not claim every berry shows exactly the same purple shade. Botanically Vanessa is a grape variety with ancestors from *Vitis vinifera* and *Vitis labrusca*. Small soft seed remnants can occur in seedless varieties. This classification describes later fruit and promises no crop on the delivered set.

The small set needs a long-term plan

Two plants are delivered, each in a 15 cm pot and about 50 cm overall height. Both need their own root position and a direction for later shoots. For a trained trellis, roughly 1.2 to 1.5 metres of spacing is a guide; spreading training needs more room. The vine grows over several metres without appropriate guidance. Inferring a fixed final height from delivery size alone would therefore mislead. We define the planned framework before planting and leave enough air between later leaves for observation and care.

Plant when soil and season suit

Dormancy suits planting in frost-free soil that is not saturated. In cold areas, we prefer early spring. Plant the supplied root ball at its existing level, leave any graft union above soil and water slowly. Sunny, warm and sheltered suits better than a constantly shaded garden corner. Acclimatise newly leafy plants to stronger outdoor conditions first. The young delivered plant does not yet have far-reaching roots. Especially in the first year, therefore check its original root ball rather than relying exclusively on the general weather report or bed surface.

Water care stays at the roots

During dryness, water the root zone thoroughly and avoid waterlogging. Under a roof overhang, soil can be dry despite rain. A container needs adequate volume and clear drainage; the small delivery pot is just the starting point. We feed according to actual soil supply and plant development. Strongly elongated soft tendrils are no reason to give more nutrients as a precaution. Check leaf undersides and unusual coatings regularly. A clearly trained trellis helps compare individual positions and recognise emerging problems early without turning each harmless leaf change into a major intervention.

Retain a framework, accompany new fruiting wood

The permanent trunk and its arms are the foundation. Young fruit-bearing shoots develop from buds on the previous year's wood. Dormant pruning follows the chosen system; in summer, new shoots are guided and excess growth organised. Cutting the vine equally everywhere each year like a hedge is not understandable fruit training. Build young plants steadily first and permit only a crop suited to their strength. Loose tying remains important. As the trunk thickens, cords must not cut into it. A photograph of the framework while leafless makes the next decisions easier.

From later grapes back to winter dormancy

Local ripeness determines harvest, not only red or purple skin colour. Carefully taste healthy berries, cut the whole bunch with its stalk and remove damaged fruit. Keep grapes and raisins away from dogs. In autumn the vine returns to dormancy as leaves fall, while wood remains. Protect small containers against severe root frost and maintain drainage. Watch late frost again when new growth starts. For us, Vanessa's appeal lies in this combination: a lively green framework, the prospect of snacking grapes and a plant whose development can be followed for years.

Pictures and details

Images and descriptions from this portrait. Decorative items are not included in the offer.



Original shop image with young vine and separate fruit detail.
The offer contains two young plants; grapes on delivery are not guaranteed.



Original shop photograph of the offered plant. 2 plants · each in a 15 cm pot · overall height about 50 cm.

Good to know

Is Vanessa really seedless?

It is cultivated as a seedless table grape. Small soft seed remnants are possible.

Why is it called purple and elsewhere red?

The shop calls it purple; specialist descriptions classify it as a red to reddish-purple grape. Ripeness, light and bloom influence the impression.

Are grapes included in delivery?

Not guaranteed. The offer contains two young plants, each in a 15 cm pot.

Can I plant it directly against a wall?

A warm wall position can suit. Account for root space, distance from the wall and dry rain shadow in care.

How do I keep its size manageable?

With a deliberately chosen training form, suitable dormant pruning and regular summer guidance.

Is the vine still alive after leaf fall?

The perennial deciduous vine overwinters with its wood. Do not judge condition solely by missing winter foliage.

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