# PRUNING GRAPEVINES

## Understand the Basics

- Trunk: The main, vertical part of the vine.
- Cane: The long shoots that grew last year. Grapes grow on these canes.
- Spur: Short sections of cane left after pruning, usually 2-3 buds long.

## When to Prune

- Prune your grapevines in late winter, after the leaves have fallen and before new growth begins.

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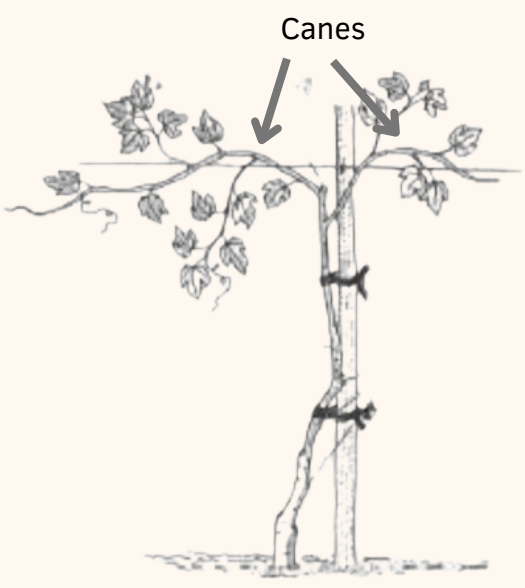
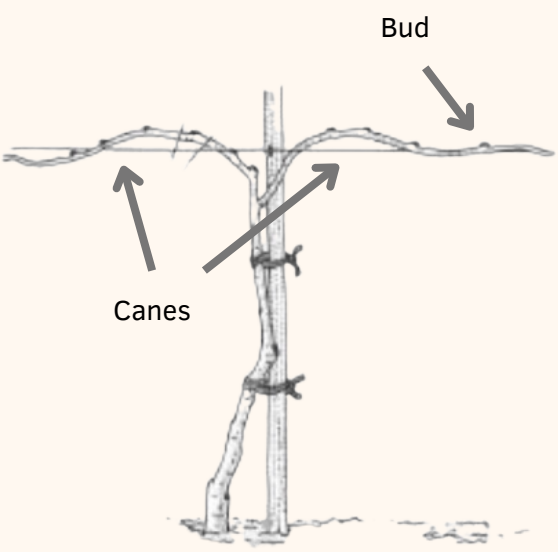
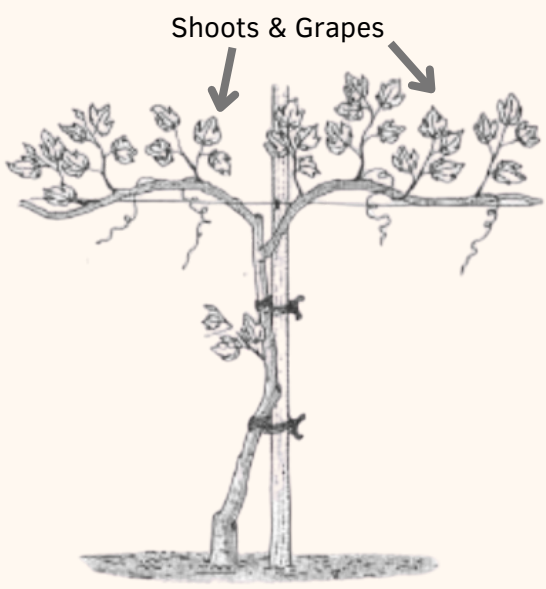
## Select and Trim



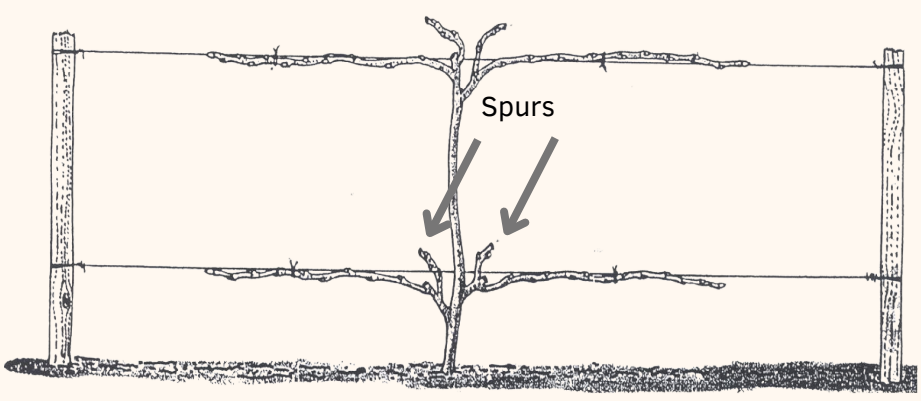

**Choose 1-2 Canes:** Pick 1-2 healthy canes from last year's growth. These will produce this year's grapes.

**Trim to 6-8 Buds:** Cut these canes back to 6-8 buds each. These buds will become this year's shoots and grapes.




**Leave Some Spurs:** Keep a few short sections (spurs) with 2-3 buds for next year's growth.

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## Tips:

- Grapes grow on last year's wood, so focus on keeping a few good canes and cutting away the rest.
- Don't worry too much about getting it perfect. Grapevines are resilient and will still produce fruit even if your pruning isn't flawless.