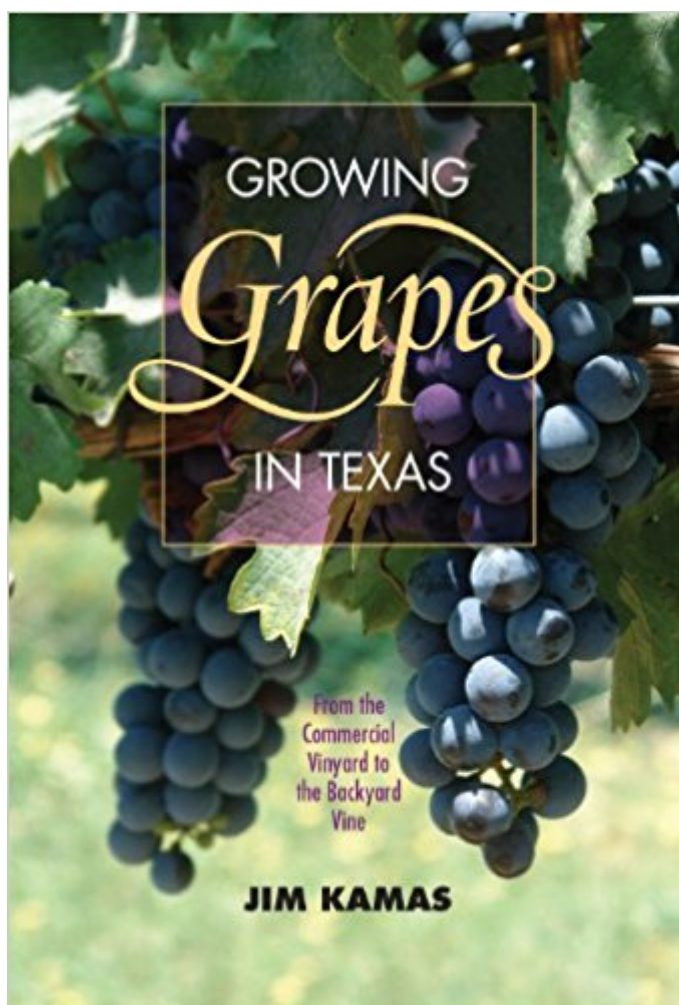


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# Growing Grapes In Texas: From The Commercial Vineyard To The Backyard Vine (Texas A&M AgriLife Research And Extension Service Series)





## Synopsis

In this complete and approachable manual on grape growing in Texas, Jim Kamas asks the essential question all potential growers need to answer: Why do you want to plant a vineyard? Outlining the challenges and risks to all who think viticulture is a weekend hobby, Kamas then identifies the state's current grape growing regions and covers everything the commercial or home producer needs to know in order to have a successful vineyard. Well-illustrated text offers chapters on site choice and design, rootstock and fruiting varieties, pruning and training strategies, canopy and floor management, and disease and pest control. Kamas thoroughly explores grapevine horticulture, including the systematics, morphology, nutrition, and water needs of the genus *Vitis*. Finally, he addresses the issues of equipment and infrastructure before closing with some advice about vineyard-winery relations. Kamas was trained as a student in the grape growing country of western New York by some of the best viticultural minds in the US, and grape and wine lovers from all parts of the country will find this book a valuable resource.

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This book is well written and truly outstanding in that it explains all the pitfalls of grape growing but explains how to mitigate all problems and obstacles. I have not seen much of the information in this book in other books or in my internet research. That was my biggest surprise about the book. It contains a wealth of information in a very concise book, and it will probably will be the bible for growing grapes in Texas. The only "con" that I can come up with is that Kamas pulls no punches regarding the fact that growing grapes is no easy matter, and questions the reader as to do you really want to grow grapes, or why do you want to grow grapes. Once you get past that part of the book it is "pure gold" for any grape grower on any aspect of growing grapes. I feel like I gained years of grape growing experience by reading this book. I bought a second copy for a friend who got me into growing grapes...

To the vineyard owner in the Texas Hill Country, this book is invaluable. It distills, in a clear and easily understood way, all of the issues a winegrower needs to understand; specifically discusses the peculiar problems associated with grape growing in Texas; and directs one to more detailed information. It is that rare book that treats a complex subject with technical expertise while making the subject matter very accessible. If you are interested in growing grapes in Texas, this is a must-have book.

Focused on Texas, detailed, and an easy read with plenty of pictures to show diseases, techniques, etc.

Once again, an exemplary work by Jim Kamas. A well organized and detailed book on growing grapes in Texas!

Very good

Simply superb. Terrific guide & one of my valued vineyard resources.

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