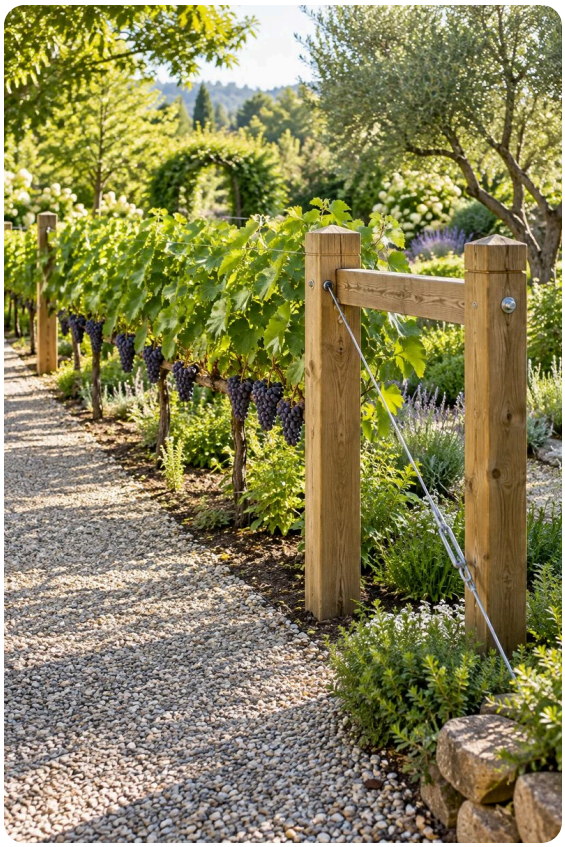
Backyard Dessert Grape Trellis

Build your H-brace structure and train a heavy-producing cordon vine.

Get ready to harvest sweet dessert grapes right in your own backyard! This build and pruning sheet helps you construct a sturdy, wind-resistant trellis and train your vines for a beautiful, heavy yield.



Trellis Build Measurements

42 in
fruit wire height from ground

20 ft
spacing between intermediate line posts

36 in
minimum depth for end posts

48 in
cut length for horizontal brace rail

12.5-gauge
high-tensile main horizontal wire

80–90%
wood goes during the brave cut

The Morning-Side Leaf Pull

Remove leaves around bunches strictly on the east side to dry dew, leaving the west canopy intact to prevent harsh afternoon sunburn.

Year-by-Year Training Schedule

1. **Years One and Two** Tie the young green trunk straight up, then split into two permanent horizontal arms.
2. **Early Spring Push** Aggressively rub off any green buds emerging on the lower trunk below the main line.
3. **Late Summer Canopy** Hedge vertical shoots straight across when they extend more than a foot above highest catch.
4. **Dormant Winter Pruning** Wait for deep dormancy, then leave only pencil-thick fruiting spurs spaced a hand's width apart.

Choose Your Trellis Style

Find your row: **her garden style**

her garden style	Your pick	Why
Relaxed country garden	Weathered cedar posts	Blends with an agricultural feel
Contemporary outdoor space	Sleek black steel posts	Creates a crisp architectural vineyard
Mediterranean courtyard	Warm stucco pillars	Transforms into an elegant feature
Romantic cottage garden	Painted white timber posts	Softens the structural look

Checks Before You Dig

- ○ Dig a 12-inch hole and ensure water drains completely within an hour.
- ○ Orient your row north to south for equal canopy sunlight exposure.
- ○ Measure enough clearance around the outside edges for your lawnmower to pass.
- ○ Choose a dessert grape variety suited to your specific hardiness zone.

H-Brace & Hardware Materials

- ☐ True 4x4 or larger pressure-treated timber posts
- ☐ Fast-setting concrete for the end footings
- ☐ Heavy-duty galvanized lag screws for the brace rail
- ☐ In-line ratcheting wire strainers for every horizontal run
- ☐ 14-gauge standard wire for upper catch tiers
- ☐ Heavy barbed fencing staples to secure catch wires

Vineyard Planning Notes

Enjoy the sweet reward of your own sun-ripened backyard harvest!