

Trellising Using Geneva Double Curtain

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Trellis Systems

- 🍇 Definition • A support structure for the grapevine.
- 🍇 Purpose • Maintain vine form and provide maximum sunlight penetration for buds and clusters

Common Trellis Systems

- 🍇 Vertical Shoot Positioning (VSP)
- 🍇 High Cordon Training (High Wire)
- 🍇 Geneva Double Curtain (GDC)
A form of high wire training

What is a Geneva Double Curtain ?



Geneva Double Curtain (or GDC), is a form of trellising that trains (2) rows of cordons parallel to (1) row of grape vines, approximately 5 – 6 feet off the ground.

What is a Geneva Double Curtain?continued...







The cordon wires run 2 feet to 4 feet apart with the grape vine row centered between them.

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GDC should be used with grapes that work with high wire training.

How do you set up a Geneva Double Curtain?

-  Find a grape varietal suitable for high wire training
-  Figure out your vine spacing
-  Figure out your row spacing
-  Pick out a trellis design

Why use a Geneva Double Curtain ?



The benefit is that:

- **GDC** allows double the production on soils that can support it
- **GDC** allows better trellis utilization for less vigorous vines
- **GDC** may be easier for harvesting

Concerns using a Geneva Double Curtain:



The trellising system needs to be strong due to the extra weight.








The trellising system needs to withstand more wind load.



The vine trunks are less accessible.

Geneva Double Curtain is an option:

-  It is an option that I use, and I am satisfied with the results, because:
-  It saves on spraying costs.
-  It saves on netting time.
-  It also provides higher production return per acre
-  Less trellis work on installation.



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