

## **Arbequina Olive**

Bring a taste of the Mediterranean to your home. This variety is revered as both a table olive – for its mild, buttery and lightly fruity flavor – as well as an oil olive for its high oil concentration. Tasty fruit and gorgeous gray -green foliage will evoke the rolling Spanish landscapes where this variety is widely grown. Olives hang well on the tree and ripen at different intervals. Drought-tolerant and pest-resistant. Heat-tolerant. Ripens starting in November. Self-pollinating.

- Matures around 8-10 feet tall, but can be kept smaller by pruning.
- If you live in Zones 4-6, plant these warm-weather plants in containers so that you can move them indoors before freezing temperatures arrive.

Enjoy fresh, healthy olives, as soon as the very first year! **Arbequinas** are popular because of their flavor, but they also have one of the highest concentrations of healthy, antioxidant-rich oils. And even a small tree can produce 20 lbs. of olives each year. Plenty for healthy salads, recipes and incredible home-made olive oil.

Arbequinas grows Indoors or Out... tolerating cold temperatures down to 12F to 14F. Plant outdoors in growing zones 8-11, and in zone 7 if blocked from northern winds. In northern states, just pot them up in a container and bring them indoors during the harshest weeks of winter. Some people grow Arbequinas indoors all year-round, as unusual house or office plants. We recommend bringing them outdoors, during the summer months, in order to get the most fruit production.

As they age, you get that unique gnarly, muscular look. Landscape Architects have fallen in love with Olive trees. Mature olive trees are sold and transplanted for \$10,000 or more. What's great is... you don't have to spend this much, or wait very long. **Arbequinas** are very fast growers when planted in the ground. They are also easy to prune to a manageable size when grown in containers.

These olive trees are semi-deciduous, meaning they only drop their leaves in extreme cold. If you pot them up and bring them indoors, they keep all their leaves throughout the winter time.

**Arbequinas** are self-pollinating, so you only need one to produce fruit.

Olive trees have become a universal symbol for health and peace.

**Bloom Color** White, Yellow **Fruit Color** Black **Fruit Size** Small - Medium **Pollination** Self-pollinating Ripens/Harvest Late November Shade/Sun Full Sun **Soil Composition** Loamy **Soil Moisture** Well Drained Average Moistness

Soil pH Level7.0 - 8.0TasteGoodTextureFirmYears to Bear2 - 3Zone Range7 - 9