This map focuses on the potential of the Yakima Valley to grow Vitis vinifera grapes. Most Washington vineyards are east of the Cascade Range on soils formed from Quaternary glacial outburst-lood deposits and other sediments that overlie Miocene Columbia River basalts. Currently there are more than 31,000 acres of producing wine-grape vineyards in Washington. The Yakima Valley AVA, designated in 1983, is the oldest American Viticulture Area in Washington. It includes within it the newer Rattlesnake Hills and Red Mountain AVAs. The three combined have approximately 13,500 acres planted to wine g... An edition of Growing Grapes in Eastern Washington (1999). Growing grapes in eastern Washington. proceedings from the 1998 Washington State University shortcourse for establishing a vineyard and producing grapes. by John Watson. 0 Ratings. Washington wine is wine produced from grape varieties grown in the U.S. state of Washington. Washington ranks second in the United States (behind California) in the production of wine. By 2017, the state had over 55,000 acres (220 km2) of vineyards, a harvest of 229,000 short tons (208,000 t) of grapes, and exports going to over 40 countries around the world from the 940+ wineries located in the state. While there are some viticultural activities in the cooler, wetter western half of the state, the Great Grapes: Grow the Best Ever / Storey's Country Wisdom Bulletin A-53. By Annie Proulx. Start your free 30 days.Â In Great Grapes, you'll learn all you need to know to grow superb grapes, including how to: -Choose the most suitable cultivars for your area -Choose the right site -Prepare the soil -Build trellises -Plant and train the vines -Prune for maximum yield -Propagate new vines -Control pests -Harvest the grapes at the peak of ripeness.