

# *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.

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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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**GDC with  
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