

Botanical Name: Mahonia aquifolium

Common Name: Oregon Grape

Type of Plant: dicot; shrub Character evergreen

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape upright, clumping habit of several slender cane-like stems  
with horizontal foliage - forms a loose, open shape - spreads by underground  
stems

Height 3' - 6' Spread 3' - 4' Growth Rate slow-moderate

Environment:

Exposure outdoors best in partial sun, tolerates any exposure

Soil prefers loam, tolerates most

Hardiness hardy (zones 1-21); prefers cool habitats

Morphology:

Leaves odd, pinnately compound, alternate, 4-10" long, 5-9  
leaflets, spiny-toothed, red when young, turning green

Flowers yellow, 2-4" long, terminal spikes in early spring

Fruit small, 1/4", blue berry - can be made into preserves

Propagation: seed, division of plant; semihardwood cuttings

Usage: excellent filler for form, foliage, structure and flowers;  
woody landscapes informal landscapes; barrier or low screen

Landscape Care:

Watering prefers regular

Fertilizing balanced in spring

Pruning head back longest canes to promote new, bronze foliage

Pests/Diseases scale, mealybug

Special Conditions leaves usually burn if planted in full sun in hot dry area

Origin: Pacific Northwest Family: Berberidaceae