

**Procedure for sale of excess wine grapes from
The Ohio State University
College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences - August 2024**

Wine grapes produced at The Ohio State University's research vineyards support programs to generate research information for the benefit of Ohio's grape and wine industry. Excess grapes that are not used for experimental purposes will be offered for sale on a competitive bid basis. The College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences (CFAES) has established a procedure to market excess grapes in an unbiased and fair manner.

NOTE: Grapes will be offered for sale when excess research product is available as determined by OSU's internal research and extension needs.

Proceeds from the sale of grapes will be used to support CFAES grape research activities.

**Bids shall be submitted via Email to Aaron Smith, smith.11759@osu.edu
(Confirmation email will be sent upon receiving of bid).**

Deadline to submit bids is 5:00 p.m., Friday, August 30th, 2024 Bids results will be tabulated on the following work day during regular business hours.

Terms:

1. The amounts indicated are estimates of grapes available. OSU has first priority for use of grapes for research purposes, and reserves the right to change amounts offered for sale up to the date of harvest.
 2. OSU will offer for sale grapes that are of acceptable quality and produced under standard agricultural practices.
 3. Grapes offered for bid will be divided into lots by variety and location with a minimum established bid price. Bidders may bid on any amount up to the maximum available per lot. The goal is to offer grapes for sale openly to multiple buyers.
 4. Awarded bidders must pick up grapes within 48 hours of harvest notification during regular business hours established by the location where they are produced. OSU will notify awarded bidders of harvest date with 24-hour notice. See bid form for contact information at CFAES Wooster Campus and Ashtabula Agricultural Research Station-Kingsville.
 5. Payment is due by **check only** when grapes are picked up. Makes checks out to The Ohio State University. A receipt will be provided.
- * OSU may provide cold storage of grapes until pick up if there is sufficient cold storage space available at the vineyard location, but will not provide delivery nor arrange or cover costs of transportation.
 - * Grapes will be harvested into OSU containers, but buyers must transfer grapes to their own containers when picked up. OSU will not provide pallets or other special packaging materials.
 - * Buyers must coordinate loading requirements with OSU farm managers where grapes are produced, and OSU makes no guarantee of assistance or availability of equipment to load grapes.
 - * Buyers who fail to pick up grapes at the arranged location and time, will automatically forfeit their purchase.
 - * OSU reserves the right to sell non-bid wine grapes to buyers of its choosing at the established minimum bid price.

