

Organic Grape Seed Oil

Latin Name:	<i>Vitis vinifera</i>
Source:	Organic grape seeds
Origin:	Southern Africa
Production Location:	Kenya
Extraction:	Mechanically cold-pressed



Background

Grape seeds, which are the waste product of the winemaking industry and are used to make grape seed oil for cooking, were found to contain beneficial antioxidants. Grape seed oil is widely hailed for its beneficial effects on human health. It is believed to be an ingredient in a dish known as pulse which was mentioned in the Old Testament as the prophet Daniel preferred eating this dish over others in order to stay healthy.

Oil Composition

Colour:	Yellow to dark green
Odour:	Typical (deodorised version available)
Viscosity:	Clear mobile liquid
Principal Composition:	Oleic, linoleic

Technical Data

CAS Number EU:	84929-27-1
CAS Number US:	8024-22-4
FEMA:	Not applicable
EINECS Number:	284-511-6



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Fatty Acid Profile – Typical

Fatty Acid	Common Name	Composition%
C16:0 Hexadecanoic	Palmitic acid	5.0
C18:0 Octadecanoic	Stearic acid	2.0
C18:1 Octadecenoic	Oleic acid	15.0
C18:2 Octadecadienoic	Linoleic acid	65.0

Potential Use

Grape seed oil contains more linoleic acid than many other carrier oils. It is commonly made from wine grapes, since the seeds are usually discarded when wine is made. Grape seed oil is very rich in vitamins, protein and minerals has strong antioxidant properties that help skin cells to fight off free radicals. It is often used as a major ingredient in skin care products such as bath and body oils, soaps, lip balms, cosmetics, facial creams and nail products as it has excellent emollient properties and is not greasy. Grape seed oil also contains a mild astringent that keeps skin taut and clean. It can be combined with other oils to make massage oils because of its moisturising properties and because it emulsifies easily.

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