

**ORGANIC GRAPE GROWING IN JAPAN:
GROWING TOP QUALITY TABLE GRAPES
WITHOUT ANY CHEMICALS**

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Japan has very wet climate conditions during the growing season. Most people believe that it is not possible to grow top quality table grapes organically in Japan. We have been growing table grapes organically since early in 1970 without the use of any chemical sprays. Kaoru Sawanobori established a type of greenhouse structure built to avert rain water and to reduce humidity to aid in the control of disease problems. We have finally realized success in growing Black Olympia, Olympia, and other cultivars completely organically. The structure is called the K.S. Type Sideless House and was patented in 1982 in Japan.

Wine grapes are also grown under the structure. The grapes are sent to a contracted winery for processing into organic grape juice and wine. We are very proud that we are the only Japanese grape grower producing top quality table grapes without using any chemical sprays. There are a few other organic growers in Japan, however, who use organic compounds such as sulfur in their management plans.