

OLTIARIQ VITICULTURE

Oltiariq district of Fergana region is famous with the knowledge and experience of its farmers and gardeners. Because, the vegetables and fruits cultivated here are distinct with their taste and quality. Cucumber, radish and grapes of Oltiariq are especially famous. It is difficult to find a household without a grapevine. Because the population of this place knows how to use the land even if they have a very little territory for cultivation. They plant grapes and cultivate trees even in the territory between the walls of their house and the street. Gardeners from Oltiariq make up slightly less than 90% of all the grapes cultivated in Uzbekistan.

Richness of the knowledge and experience gained in viticulture is very important in making abundant harvest from grapes. Thanks to the weather conditions, the content of the soil, water and hard work of

the gardeners, it is possible to make abundant harvest from small land.

Dozens of grape sorts are cultivated here. Especially such sorts as *kelin barmoq*, *khusayni*, *charos* and others are planted in bigger amounts. Gardeners are managing to harvest several sorts of grapes from one plant, because of grafting. Uzbekistan's grapes are famous for sweetness and grapes cultivated in Oltiariq are the sweetest of them.

As the traditions associated with grape cultivation are being passed from fathers to children, from masters to apprentices; and because of the progress made in the sphere, new sorts of grapes are being invented. Because of adaptation of grape sorts cultivated in other parts of the world to our natural conditions, enriching existing grape sorts is achieved.



