



- If you have thought about growing mushrooms before but weren't sure where to start, winecaps are where to start
- Much easier to grow than other mushrooms.
- Happily grow in wood chip or straw mulched areas of your garden in full shade to partial sun

Planting Guide

Choosing a site:

- A shady spot that is easy to water is best
- Around trees and perennials or along building's shady sides are all great spots for winecaps

Planting/Care:

- Inoculate your planting area in March-April by following the directions below.
- Your planting "bed" should consist of either wood chips, straw, or a combination of the two.
- Start with a layer of cardboard if there is grass, this can be skipped if the area is already mulched
- Spread two inches of woodchips or four inches of straw, then sprinkle a pound of spawn per 10 square feet of area, then add two inches of woodchips on top and water heavily
- Water this mulched area when you would water your plants to keep it moist
- If you keep this bed mulched from year to year the winecaps should continue to produce indefinitely

Harvesting/Storage:

- Wine caps produce in spring and fall, usually producing the fall after inoculation
- Gently pull the mushroom out of the woodchips once they emerge. They can be eaten at any time but are best before the tops start curling up and the top starts cracking. They get rubbery at this point.
- They are easy to identify but make sure to look up pictures to make sure you are harvesting a winecap