

Truffle trees grow for a host of reasons

IT'S A FACT – Truffle trees can be grown in the Avon Valley/Wheatbelt and I am doing it right now in Toodyay.

We choose to plant a particular variety of tree for various reasons.

Our choice is based on many attributes or expectations – its beauty, flowers, scent, shade, hardiness or for the colour of its leaves when the season changes. Well, why not add another reason – Truffles.

There are two types of Oak trees that can host the truffle mycelium, the spore which is the vegetative body of the fungi.

The deciduous common English Oak *Quercus pubescens* and the evergreen *Quercus ilex* or French Oak both grow well in Toodyay. Mine are 14 years old.

Some facts. You will not become rich by planting a couple of Truffle trees but you will have fun training your dog to find them and you will have some good dinners ahead of you. Your Christmas turkey and so many other dishes will take a new dimension.

You will have planted trees that can grow for more than one thousand years which will help reduce your carbon footprint and

provide enjoyment for future generations.

Why are Truffles so expensive? Because we don't know what we don't know about Truffles.

What we do know is that there is something in WA that makes it a very productive Truffle-growing area.

The best harvests ever in France and Italy yielded 100kg per hectare but areas in the south west such as Pemberton and Manjimup produce almost one tonne per hectare. We don't know yet what we could produce in the Avon Valley and Wheatbelt.

My truffles saplings are one year old and have each been inoculated with four grams of spores.

They are \$60 each but if you buy 10 you will get one free. I can deliver if you want five or more saplings.

For photos of available saplings and Truffles contact me by email at alainfabregues@aol.com.au or you can visit my website Toodyaytruffleco.com.au.

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One year old innoculated Truffle Saplings for sale

We can grow truffle trees in the wheat belt!

Orchard at Dumbarton



French Oak seeds in winter



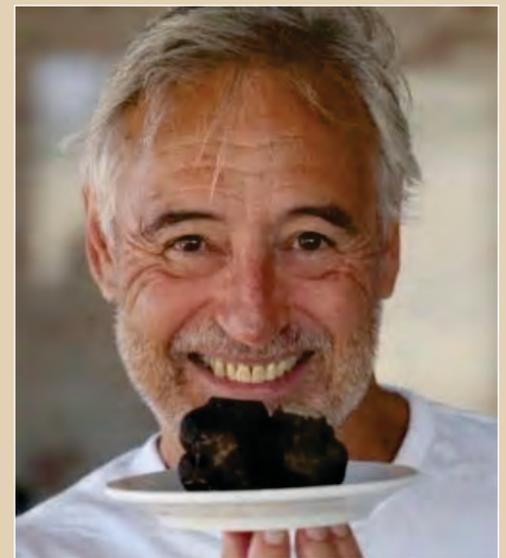
English Oak



French Oak

Saplings of the common oak, *Quercus Pubescent*, or English oak (Deciduous) and the green oak, *Quercus Ilex* or French oak (Evergreen) are available for \$60 each. Buy 10 get one free. Deliver if more than 5 trees purchased.

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Alain Fabregues prepares Truffle dishes from his truffle harvest



Left: Chicken with truffles ready for poaching.



Right: Pigs trotters with truffles.



A Brie prepared with truffles will infuse for 10 days before serving