

# Cork Oak

*Quercus suber*

HARVESTING THE CORK



An evergreen tree growing to 65' x 50' at a very slow rate. Evergreen in milder winters. Grows in acid, neutral or alkaline soils. Full sun or part sun. Prefers moist soil, can tolerate strong winds. The thick and knobby dark grey bark is known as "cork". Not grown for cork harvesting in our area, it is more of a novelty tree here. In places where they do harvest the cork, a single tree lives up to 200 years and can be harvested over 16 times.