

The *Alden Lane Nursery* Grape Collection

Autumn Royal Seedless

Large, seedless dark purple to black grape. Vigorous vine that responds best to spur pruning. Appeal rests on large berry size and late maturity. Ripens: Late September to Mid-October

Black Monukka Seedless

A medium size black seedless grape with a crisp sweet flavor. This is a hardy European variety which can take temperatures as low as 10°F. A good fresh grape or suitable for raisins. Ripens: August into September Cane or Spur pruning

Cabernet Sauvignon

Small, round, purple-black grape with many seeds that make a distinctive world-renown red wine. Excellent producer in our area. Ripens late September to October

Champagne (Black Corinth or Zante Currants)

Although not a true currant, when dried they are referred to as Zante currants and used extensively in baking. It is an old Greek variety. Grape is dark red to black, firm skinned juicy and crunchy with a sweet spicy flavor when ripe. It is seedless. Ripens mid August. Cane or Spur prune

Chardonnay

For white burgundy style wines. Small round berry. Vigorous vine. Very cold hardy. Ripens: Late August to September Cane pruning

Concord Seedless

A medium size black seedless version of the classic Concord grape with all its hardiness, vigor, disease resistance and flavor. Excellent for table, juice and jams. Ripens: August Cane or Spur pruning

Crimson Seedless

Large red seedless table grape. Medium sized clusters of firm, crisp fruit with a sweet flavor. Holds well on vine after ripening. Ripens: October Cane pruning

Delight

Large. Dark greenish yellow, resembling Thompson Seedless in color. Crisp delicate Muscat flavor. Fine keeping quality. It produces heavily on big loose clusters. Table and raisin use. Good in coastal and mild climate areas. Ripens: Late July Cane pruning

Fantasy Seedless

Large, black seedless grape with an excellent flavor. Good for table and raisin production. Holds on vine well and stores well. Ripens: Early August Cane pruning

Flame Seedless

Medium size red European grape with crisp, sweet berries. Very vigorous and productive. Very good flavor and excellent table or raisin grape. Needs hot summers. This is the variety found in most grocery stores. Ripens: Late July Cane pruning

Golden Muscat

Large, golden-green seeded table and wine grape, introduced in 1927. Has a sweet perfumed flavor and is highly productive. Connoisseurs choice for fresh eating or making a sweet white wine. Susceptible to Powdery Mildew. Dormant spray is beneficial. Ripens: August. Cane pruning

Ladyfinger (Calmeria)

A large, light green grape with elongated berries that give it its name. It has a rich tangy-sweet flavor and as it ripens later, it extends the season in the home orchard. It has a thicker skin and seeds. Ripens: October. Cane pruning

Merlot

Small black berries used for production of distinctive red wines. Ripens: September



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Midgely's Purple Seedless

A medium size, reddish-purple, seedless grape with a firm, crisp, sweet-flavored flesh. A heavy producer of very large bunches. Excellent for table use and raisins. Ripens: September Cane pruning

Perlette Seedless

Large, white skinned seedless grape with a firm, crisp, juicy flesh. Excellent for table use and raisins. Has a wider climate range than Thompson Seedless and possibly performs better than it in the Tri-Valley. Ripens: Late July Cane pruning

Pinot Noir

Small black berries that yield the famous French Burgundy wines. Requires cool summers, cane pruning. Early harvest.

Princess Seedless

Large, mid-season white seedless grape. Flavor is sweet with a slight Muscat flavor when the fruit is very ripe and exposed to light. Fruit holds well on the vine and in storage. Best for fresh eating and raisins Ripens: Mid to late August, at end of Thompson Seedless harvest Cane prune

Ruby Seedless

A medium dark red seedless grape with firm, sweet, mild flavored flesh. It is a vigorous grower and heavy producer. Excellent table grape. Ripens: August Cane or Spur prune

Sauvignon Blanc

Small greenish grapes with strong distinct flavor for white table wine or for blending. Ripens: Mid August to Early September. Cane prune.

Shiraz/Syrah

Distinctive red wine grape. Ripens: Sept/Early Oct.

Summer Muscat

Seedless green raisin grape. Sweet, strong, muscat flavor. Eaten fresh, dried and sweet dessert wines. Vigorous grower. Ripens: Mid August. Cane or Spur prune

Thompson Seedless

A medium, greenish-white to golden seedless grape suitable for table and wine. It is the world's leading raisin producer. Larger berries can be produced by thinning the clusters. Ripens: Early August Cane pruning.

Tokay

A large, oblong red seeded table and wine grape. Produces juicy, crisp, sweet fruit
Ripens: September Spur pruning

Zinfandel

Medium size round juicy reddish-black berries for fruity red wines. Heavy bearing.
Ripens: August

Planting for Table & Wine Grapes

6 to 8 ft. in row and 12 ft. between rows.

Pruning of grapes will vary with the fruiting habits of the vines: **1. Cane - Varieties** which develop fruiting wood away from base of the cane, leave long canes to train on wires or trellis. Most Cane pruned varieties are excellent for arbors.

2. Spur - Varieties which develop fruiting wood close to the base of canes - prune back to within several buds to leave small spurs for development of new wood. This method is used for most wine grapes and a few table grapes.



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