



Environmental Horticulture Notes

FAIR OAKS HORTICULTURE CENTER GRAPE CULTIVARS – 2024

EHN 97a

Variety	Type	Seeds	Color	Ripens	Home Use Suitability	Spur or Cane	Berry Size	Comments
Cabernet	Wine	Yes	Blue-Black	late Aug	OK	Spur	Small	Vigorous wine
Catawba	Table	No	Red	late Sept	Very good	Spur	Medium	Juice and jellies
Concord	Wine/ Table	yes	Dark blue	August	Excellent	Spur cane	Medium	Resistant to powdery mildew
Crystal/Niagara	Table	No	Green	July-Aug	Very good	Spur	Large	Jam and juice
Diamond Muscat	Wine/ Table	No	Green	July-Aug	Excellent	Spur cane	Medium	Most popular, great flavor
Flame	Table	No	Red	July	Excellent	Spur	Medium	Makes good raisins
Hope	Table	No	Green	August	Very good	Cane	Medium	Fruity, resistant to powdery mildew
Italia	Table	Yes	Green	early Aug	Excellent	Spur	Large	Very good flavor
Mars	Table	No	Red-Blue	August	Excellent	Spur	Medium	Cold hardy, resistant to powdery mildew
Merlot	Wine	Yes	Blue Black	August	OK	Spur	Small	Vigorous, prone to bunch rot
Mission	Wine	Yes	Black	Sept	Very good	Spur	Small	Sacramental wine
New York Muscat	Wine	Yes	Red blue	August	Excellent	Spur	Small	Dessert wine
Princess	Table	No	Green	Sept-Oct	Good	Cane	Large	Nice, sweet flavor
Reliance	Table	No	Red	August	Very good	Spur	Small - medium	Good and fruity
Roger's Red	Table	Yes	Red	Fall	Unknown	Cane	Small	Ornamental, jam
Suffolk Red	Table	No	Red	July-Aug	Excellent	Cane	Medium	Sweet, good for desserts
Sunbelt		Yes	Red	July-Aug	Good	Cane	Large	Jelly
Sweet Scarlet	Table	No	Red	August	Very good	Cane	Med-large	Light muscat flavor
Thomcord	Table	No	Blue-black	July-Aug	Excellent	Cane	Medium	Thompson Concord cross
Thompson Seedless	Table	No	Green	August	Excellent	Cane	Small-Medium	Most popular table and raisin cultivar
Zestfull Lollipop	Table	No	Red	late summer	Good	Cane	Large	Best tasting, good for raisons

For Additional Information: UC Master Gardeners of Sacramento County, sacmg.ucanr.edu/Publications/; *Guidelines for the Home Vineyard*, EHN 97 *Growing Grapes, Care of Young Plants*, GN 169

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