



Environmental Horticulture Notes

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GRAPE CULTIVARS IN THE FAIR OAKS HORTICULTURE CENTER VINEYARD – 2019

Variety	Seeds	Color	Ripens	Home Use Suitability	Spur or Cane	Berry Size	Comments
Autumn Black	Yes	Black	Sept-Oct	Good	Spur	Large	Mellow, thin-skinned, sweet
Black Emerald	No	Black	August	Excellent	Spur	Medium	Juicy, very tasty, firm; thin skin
Black Monukka	Hollow	Black	early Aug	Excellent	Cane	Medium	Delicious, popular black grape
Black Rose	Yes	Black	Sept	OK	Spur	Huge	Thin skin; very sweet, prone to rot
Blush Seedless	No	Red	late Aug	Very good	Spur	Medium	Tender, crisp skin with meaty flesh
Cabernet Sauvignon	Yes	Blue-Black	late Aug	OK	Spur	Small	Vigorous, widely grown wine grape variety
Eastern Concord Seedless	No	Purple	mid Sept	Excellent	Cane	Medium	Juicy, sweet, concord flavor without the seeds
Dawn Seedless	No	Green	July	Very good	Spur	Medium	Good flavor, crisp skin
Fiesta	No	Green	late July	Excellent	Cane	Medium	Tasty greenish-white grape
Flame Seedless	No	Red	July	Excellent	Spur	Medium	Makes good raisins
Italia	Yes	Green	early Aug	Excellent	Spur	Large	Unique flavor, very good
Merlot	Yes	Blue-Black	August	OK	Spur	Small	Vigorous, widely grown wine grape cultivar; prone to bunch rot
Muscat of Alexandria	Yes	Green	early Aug	Good	Spur	Large	Great flavor, easily sunburned
Muscat, Diamond	No	Green	July	Excellent	Either	Medium	Great flavor, our most popular grape
Perlette	No	Green	July	Good	Spur	Medium	Nice flavor, prone to bunch rot unless berry thinned
Princess	No	Green	Sept-Oct	Good	Cane	Large	Nice, sweet flavor
Ruby Seedless	No	Red	August	Good	Spur	Medium	Tasty late cultivar, good raisins
Suffolk Red	No	Red	July-Aug	Excellent	Spur	Medium	Sweet, good for desserts and jelly
Summer Royal	No	Red	July	Good	Spur	Medium	Very sweet, fruit set can be poor
Sweet Scarlet	No	Red	August	Good	Cane	Medium	Light, pleasant, muscat flavor
Thomcord	No	Blue-Black	July-Aug	Excellent	Cane	Medium	Thompson Seedless x Concord cross, popular
Thompson Seedless	No	Green	August	Excellent	Cane	Small-Medium	Most popular table and raisin cultivar statewide
Tokay	Yes	Red	Aug-Sept	Very good	Spur	Large	Prone to sunburn, unique flavor

For Additional Information:

UCCE 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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