

## Grapes for a Cooler Bay Area Climate

These listed grapes will ripen reasonably well in a cooler Bay-Area climate. The information is from my (Idell Weydemeyer) experience in El Sobrante (cooler summers than Walnut Creek but warmer than Berkeley) as well as reading and discussions with CRFG members and speakers. Earlier ripening grapes will become sweeter more readily in a cool climate than later ones. This list does not include some of the newer grapes nor very mild flavored grapes(I like the most flavorful grapes best). Contact me at 510-223-6291 or [iwgarden@earthlink.net](mailto:iwgarden@earthlink.net) for changes or additions.

Grape	Seeds	American or European	Color & Size	Other (See below for ripen times symbols)
Alden	yes	Am/Eur	Blue-red; large	Ripe EM Muscat flavor; keeps well
Black Manukka	no	Eur	Black; med-lg	Ripe EM, raisins too
Buffalo (1938)	yes	Am	Black; med-lg	Ripe E; stores well
Concord (1843)	yes	Am	Blue/black; med	Several varieties, including seedless, from wild grape in Concord, Mass
Delight	no	Eur	Yellow, lg	Ripens E
Emeryville Pink	yes	Am	Pink/red; lg	Ripens LM, a seedling from Emeryville, available at CRFG only
Fantasy (1989)	no	Eur	Blue/black, lg	Ripens EM, raisins too
Flame	no	Eur	Light red, med	LM ripening; marginal- too cool for some years, raisins too; common
Glenora (1976)	no	Am	Blue/black, med	Ripe E-EM, flavor varies each year
Himrod (1952)	no	Am	Yellow, med	Ripe VE, keeps well, raisins too
Iona (1864)	few	Am	Lt/drk red, m	Ripens M-LM
Muscat Hamburg	yes	Eur	Blackish, m	Ripe M?
Muscat Ottonel	yes	Eur	Yellow, m	Ripe LM
Muscat, Early	yes	Eur	Yellow, m	Ripe VE-E, raisins too
Muscat, NY	yes	Eur	Black	Ripens M
Pearl de Csaba	1-2	Eur	Yellow, small	Ripens VE, from Hungary, v old
Perlette	no	Eur	Yellow, med	Ripens VE
Price (1973)	yes	Am	Black/blue, med	Ripens VE, ripens in cool summer
Reliance (1965)	no	Am	Red/pink, med	Ripens EM, stores well
Steuben (1947)	yes	Am	Blue/lavender, lg	Ripens M, keeps well
Suffolk Red (1972)	no	Am	Red/pink, med	Ripens E--EM
Swenson Red (1980)	yes	Am	Red/blue, med	Ripens VE-E, keeps well
Vanessa (1984)	no	Am	Deep red, med	Ripens E
Venus	no	Am	Blue/black, lg	Ripens E-?EM , sometimes has seeds

### Ripening times

VE = very early, about 4 or more weeks before Concord

E = early, about 3 weeks before Concord

EM = early midseason about 2 weeks before Concord

M = midseason- Concord is the grape used to compare all other grape ripening times

LM = late midseason

L = late