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GRAPE VARIETIES FOR CONNECTICUT

Grapes are becoming increasingly more popular in backyard plantings throughout Connecticut. This is due, in part, to the development and availability of new, more hardy cultivars. This list is intended to provide general information on table or dessert and wine grapes which are at least medium hardy in the Connecticut climate. While some of the cultivars have been evaluated in Connecticut, others have been reported to do well in similar climates. This list is not all-inclusive but highlights cultivars with attributes which make them popular.

Table or Dessert Grapes:

<i>Color</i>	<i>Cultivar</i>	<i>Ripening Season</i>	<i>Description</i>
<u>White</u>			
	Edelweiss	Very early ripening.	Fruit: sweet, high sugar. Vine: vigorous, hardy.
	Himrod	Very early ripening.	Seedless. Fruit: medium size, golden yellow, excellent flavor.
	Interlaken	Very early ripening.	Seedless. Fruit: small, golden, good. Vine: moderately hardy.
	Lakemont	Midseason ripening.	Seedless. Fruit: medium size, high quality.
	Seneca	Very early ripening.	Fruit: European type, firm, crisp, sweet. Vine vigorous, productive, moderately hardy.
<u>Red</u>			
	Canadice	Early ripening.	Seedless. Fruit: medium size, firm, delicate flavor. Dessert, jelly, or wine. Vine: hardiness similar to Concord.
	Catawba	Late season ripening.	Fruit: good quality, suitable for jelly or wine.
	Reliance	Very early ripening.	Seedless. Fruit: rich flavor, tender skin. Vine: vigorous, productive, hardy.
	Suffolk Red	Midseason ripening.	Seedless. Fruit: large, excellent quality. Vine: moderately hardy.

	Swenson Red	Very early ripening.	Fruit: medium-large, firm texture. Vine: vigorous, productive, very hardy
<u>Black</u>	Buffalo	Midseason ripening.	Fruit: slipskin (like Concord), juicy, sweet. Vine: very vigorous, productive.
	Concord	Midseason ripening.	Excellent flavor. Old favorite for jelly, juice, wine.
	Glenora	Early ripening.	Seedless. Fruit: medium to large, juicy, skin tender.
	Steuben	Midseason ripening.	Fruit: excellent flavor. Vine: vigorous, very productive, very hardy.
	Worde	Early ripening.	Fruit: similar to Concord. Vine: suitable for short season, very hardy, very vigorous, productive.

Wine Grapes:

<i>Color</i>	<i>Cultivar</i>	<i>Ripening Season</i>	<i>Description</i>
<u>White</u>	Aurora (Siebel 5279)	Early ripening.	Good wine grape.
	Cayuga White	Midseason ripening.	Excellent for wine, flavor neutral, light. Vine: vigorous, very productive, moderately hardy.
	Seyval, Seyve-Villard 5276	Midseason ripening.	Excellent wine grape. Vine: medium vigor, good disease resistance.
	Villard blanc	Late ripening.	Good wine grape. Vine: high yielding, moderately hardy.
<u>Red</u>	Baco noir	Midseason ripening.	Fruit: small, blue-black, seedy. Wine: red, fruity, light. Vine: very vigorous, good disease resistance.
	Chambourcin	Late ripening.	Fruit: high yield, good acid and sugar. Wine: tart, Claret type. Vine: medium vigor, moderately hardy.
	Marechal Foch	Early ripening.	Fruit: black, small. Wine: outstanding Burgundy type red. Vine: medium vigor, hardy.
	Villard noir	Late ripening.	Fruit: good yield, good acid and sugar. Wine: good, neutral. Vine: low vigor, hardy.
