

'Alpenglow'



Bruce Smith

Synonyms: ES-2-8-1 (5).

Pedigree: ES 5-1-4 x 'Swenson Red' (6).

Origin: Osceola, Wisconsin. Bred by Elmer Swenson and named by Peggy Backup *circa* 2001 (4).

Introduction: 1987 (3).

Type: Interspecific hybrid (includes *V. labrusca* and *V. riparia*) (6).

Color: Red (5).

Berry: Medium sized (6). Light red, only turning color when they receive sunlight (5).

Cluster: Long and loose (6).

Viticultural Characteristics: Moderately vigorous (1). Ripens extremely early; good fruit set and production; early wood ripening (5).

Disease/Pests: Unknown

Wine Quality and Characteristics: The white wine has been described as light and neutral with very low acid and low sugar (1). Suitable as a blending component to lower the acidity of high acid wines (1, 5).

Season: Early (by September 1 in Minnesota) (5).

Cold Hardiness: Hardy (to -20° F) (1).

Use: Wine

Notes: Elmer Swenson considered this the hardiest cross to come from the crossing of ES 5-1-4 x 'Swenson Red' (6).

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