Pedigree: Unknown, *V. labrusca* x *V. riparia* hybrid (4).

Origin: Unknown.

Introduction: Unknown.

Type: Interspecific hybrid (*V. labrusca* x *V. riparia*) (3, 4).

Color: Blue.

**Berry:** Medium to large; round and dark in color. The berry has a slipskin and is juicy and tart (1, 2).

**Cluster:** Medium sized (1); conical and somewhat loose (2).

**Viticultural Characteristics:** Very vigorous trailing growth habit which requires wide spacing (1, 2). Very productive (2).

**Disease/Pests:** Susceptible to downy mildew and foliar phylloxera (1, 2) anthracnose, black rot and powdery mildew are not commonly seen (2).

**Wine Quality and Characteristics:** Not typically used as a wine grape as it is acidic (1, 2) and makes a very “grapey and aromatic *labrusca* style wine” (2). Marshall (2) also noted that wine typically needs to be finished a bit sweet to balance the acidity.

**Season:** Midseason (mid-late September) (2).

**Cold Hardiness:** Very hardy to -35° F (2).

**Use:** Most suitable for juice or jelly. Fairly high-acids, so use as a table grape is limited, although the juice is delicious (1, 4).

**Notes:** Said to be a slight improvement over ‘Beta’ (1).
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Literature Cited


