

'Sipaska'



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Synonyms: 'Siposka' (4).

Pedigree: 'Lady' x a North Dakota wild grape (4).

Origin: Brookings, South Dakota. South Dakota Agricultural Experiment Station. Bred by Niels Hansen (4).

Introduction: *Circa* 1925 (3).

Type: Interspecific hybrid (*V. labrusca*; unknown wild grape) (4).

Color: Red

Berry: Small

Cluster: Small, somewhat loose and conical in shape (2).

Viticultural Characteristics: Marshall (1) reported the 'Sipaska' vine as being extremely vigorous and having a procumbent growth habit.

Disease/Pests: Highly susceptible to anthracnose; good resistance to other diseases (2).

Wine Quality and Characteristics: Extremely dark red and full bodied. Pronounced clay-like, earthy taste (5). It is not considered very good as a standard wine grape, but has made some quality port style wine (2). Ripens with soluble solids over 20° Brix early in September (1).

Season: Early Midseason (early September in Minnesota) (2)

Cold Hardiness: Very cold hardy (able to withstand temperatures -40° F) (5).

Use: Jelly, wine.

Notes: May not be suitable as a commercial wine grape, but it's extreme hardiness, early ripening and great vigor suggest it may be suitable for test in extreme northern sites (1).

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