‘Valiant’

**Synonyms:** SD7121, S.D.72S15 (5).

**Pedigree:** ‘Fredonia’ x S.D. 9-39 (*V. riparia* from NE Montana) (1).

**Origin:** Brookings, South Dakota. Bred by R.M. Peterson; South Dakota State University.

**Cross/Selection/Introduction:** Cross made in 1967; selected in 1972; tested as SD7121 or S.D.72S15 (1) 1982 (1, 5).

**Type:** Interspecific hybrid (*includes V. labrusca* and *V. riparia*) (3, 5).

**Color:** Black

**Berry:** Small and round; blue slipskin (1). Sweet and tangy flavor without a trace of tartness (7). Typically has low acid levels and high soluble solids (3).

**Cluster:** Small and compact. Average cluster length is 4 inches (1).

**Viticultural Characteristics:** Vigorous and productive. Letting it over-crop when young may retard its maturity (3). Daylight sensitive, it typically goes dormant around September 1st in Minnesota (3).

**Disease/Pests:** Susceptible to mildews (4).

**Wine Quality and Characteristics:** Sometimes made in a light rosé style with minimum skin contact (2); or in blends, but used primarily for jams and jellies.

**Season:** Early (late August or early September) (7).

**Cold Hardiness:** Very hardy. Has withstood -50° F in Manitoba, Canada and was not harmed (4).

**Use:** Jam, jelly, juice.

**Notes:** Does best in a dry climate. In moist climates, ‘Valiant’ is more susceptible to diseases (6).
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**Literature Cited**


