

'Valiant'



South Dakota St. University

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 slip-skin (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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