

Vitis labrusca x vinifera

# Venus

Vitis 'Venus' is a seedless table grape cultivar developed by the University of Arkansas as a cross of Vitis labrusca and Vitis vinifera. The vine produces large, blue-black berries with a sweet, mildly muscat flavor and a characteristic "foxy" note. Ripening early—from August to early September—the grapes are ideal for fresh eating, juice, jelly, or light wine production. The fruit forms in tight, full clusters and is resistant to cracking, aided by its thicker skin, which also contributes to its excellent storage qualities.

'Venus' thrives in USDA Hardiness Zones 5 through 9, making it well-suited for a broad range of U.S. regions, including the Midwest, Pacific Northwest, and parts of the Southeast. The vine is moderately vigorous, reaching 10 to 12 feet when trained on a trellis or arbor, and is self-fertile, requiring no additional pollinators. It prefers full sun and well-drained soil, and it exhibits good resistance to common grape diseases. With its early ripening, attractive foliage, and flavorful fruit, 'Venus' is an excellent choice for home gardeners and small-scale growers seeking a reliable, low-maintenance grapevine.

*Common Name*

**Table Grape**

*Variety*

**Venus**

*Zone*

**Zone 5**

*Plant Type*

**Fruits, Vine**



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