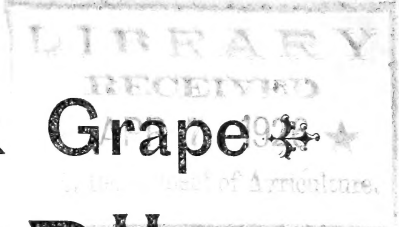


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The New Black Grape

“SUPERB”

FOUND AT LAST! What I have been looking for, for several years. A grape of the **very best quality, a good keeper and shipper, hardy and productive,** a good grower, that starts late and ripens early.

I think the Superb Grape, fills the bill exactly.

History.—It is of my own raising, from seed of the Eumelan, planted in the Spring of 1880, at South Weymouth, Mass.

It bore its first fruit in 1882. In the Fall of the same year I brought it to Georgia with me, where it has continued to improve every year, until I think it is the **BEST** native grape I have ever seen.

DESCRIPTION—Vine hardy and a good grower, with short jointed, stocky, fine grained wood; leaf large, thick dark green, and very healthy; bunch large; berry medium; color black, with blue bloom; seeds medium: quality **SUPERB, BEST,** sweet and rich; flavor pure and delightful, not a particle of acrid taste in the seeds or skin: pulp tender, brittle, juicy; skin thin, but tough; flesh firm next to the skin; a little similar to the Malaga, does not crack nor drop.

It is **VERY PRODUCTIVE.** I have had 8 lbs, on a one year graft. It starts late; thus escaping late Spring frosts; it ripens early, two weeks earlier than the Concord, ripening here about the 10th to 15th of July. It is an excellent keeper and shipper, best of all.

In order that Nurserymen, Vinyardests and others that are interested in grapes, may try them, I will send a three pound basket on receipt of 10 cts. per pound, and 45 cts. to prepay express on them: to all within a radius of New York, Boston, Chicago and St. Louis. Please club together and send for a basket at once, I think it will pay you to do so. **Now on Exhibition at Horticultural Hall, Worlds Fair.**

The Vines will be ready for delivery in the Fall of 1895, if nothing prevents. Orders will be booked from now on. The time of delivery of the vines will depend on the number of orders booked. Price—1 yr. No. 1, \$1.00 each, \$10.00 per doz. 2 yr. No. 1, \$1.25 each, \$13.00 per doz. A liberal discount will be made to the trade. *in the fall of 1896*

Please give me the place of meeting of your State Horticultural, and Agricultural Fair, with the address of the Secretary.

I would be glad to have you make me a visit, and see my grapes when ripe: I think it will pay you to do so.

A. F. RICE.

CRISWOLDVILLE

JONES COUNTY

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

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FOR 1891

"GRAPES."

Superb, (A. F. Rice, Griswoldville, Ga.) bunch, large to very large; cluster, shouldered and much divided at base, terminating in a very slender tip; many berries abortive; berry, round, medium, black with blue bloom; skin, medium thick, very tough; pulp, firm, so that berry is hard even when ripe; pulp readily dissolves; rich, juicy, sweet; no bitterness or acidity; quality excellent.

LITTLE SILVER, N. J. July 28th, 1892

MR. A. F. RICE.—Griswoldville, Ga.

Dear Sir:—The basket of grapes you so kindly sent arrived in good condition, thus proving their excellent shipping quality. The Superb was truly superb, both in size of cluster and quality of fruit. Yours truly,

J. T. LOVETT Co.

TIFTON, GA., Aug. 13th, 1892.

A. F. RICE, Esq.—Griswoldville, Ga.

Dear Sir:—Your letter and basket of grapes came safely to hand. I think the grapes very fine, and properly named as they are certainly superb. Yours truly,

W. O. TIFT.

FRANKLIN GROVE, LEE Co., ILL. Sept. 20 '92.

A. F. RICE.—Griswoldville, Ga.

Dear Sir:—The grapes arrived in good order and my friends say they are superb. I think they are very fine. Resp't'y yours,

N. A. WHITNEY.

ELGIN, ILL., Jan. 17th, 1893

A. F. RICE.—Griswoldville, Ga.

Dear Sir:—Replying to your card, will say that I received the basket of grapes in fine condition. I was camping at Pistagua Lake, taking a summer vacation, the basket was forwarded to me there, and you can imagine a basket of grapes of a fine quality as they were, were a treat while camping out. Please accept thanks for them. If the grape is hardy there is no doubt but that it should be largely cultivated. Yours Resp't'y,

E. H. RICKER, Mgr.

FREDONIA, N. Y., Aug. 15th, 1891.

A. F. RICE.—Griswoldville, Ga.

Dear Sir:—We received the grapes you sent us by express in good condition. The Superb seems to be a hardy variety of good quality, and on account of its thick skin bearing transportation well. It also appears to hang firmly to the stem. Judging from the color of the juice of those sent us we should think it would be a valuable grape for dark colored wine.

Yours truly, T. S. HUBBARD Co.

E. H. Pratt, Sec'y.

FINE GRAPES.

There are many choice varieties of grapes raised around Macon, but none have been to this market which surpass or hardly compare with the "Superb," raised by Mr. A. F. Rice of Griswoldville. This grape has been propagated by Mr. Rice and is as finely flavored as any grape we have every seen, while the bunches are simply perfect.—Macon Telegraph.

BUSHBERG, JEFFERSON Co., Mo. Aug. 10 '91.
A. F. RICE, Esq.—Griswoldville, Ga.

Dear Sir:—We have received from you a basket with "Superb" grapes and thank you for your kind attention. We think the name you have given this grape most appropriate, for it is indeed superb, and in quality, fully equals, if it does not surpass its parent the Eumelan, and so far as we can judge from the samples sent, it surpasses it in size of bunch and berry. The 3 bunches taken from a grafted vine were especially fine. Very truly yours,

BUSH & SON & MEISSNER.

POMONA, N. C., Aug. 7th, 1891.

MR. A. F. RICE.—Griswoldville, Ga.

Dear Sir:—The box Superb Grapes received. They were a fine quality, of the best. I called the attention of all Nurserymen and Fruit Growers to them, and all expressed themselves thus, as being of the best, and appearances show they will be splendid shippers.

Yours truly, J. VAN LINDLEY.

ROCHESTER, N. Y., Aug. 5th, 1892.

MR. A. F. RICE.—Griswoldville, Ga.

Dear Sir:—Yours of the 29th, received, also sample basket of Grapes. They are certainly handsome and of excellent quality, and we are much obliged to you for your courtesy.

Yours truly, CHASE BROTHERS' Co.

DELAWARE, OHIO., Aug. 3rd, 1893.

MR. A. F. RICE.—Griswoldville, Ga.

Dear Sir:—The sample of Superb Grapes came yesterday. The grapes are rarely fine. It is one of the best grapes sent me in several years.

GEO. W. CAMPBELL.

THADMER, OHIO., August 27th, 1892.

A. F. RICE.—Griswoldville, Ga.

Dear Sir:—I received the basket of Superb Grapes early in July. They were very fine indeed, both in appearance and quality and well merited the name "Superb."

Yours truly, N. H. ALBAUGH.

CHICAGO, ILL. Aug. 3rd, 1892.

A. F. RICE.—Griswoldville, Ga.

Dear Sir:—We are much pleased with the samples of your new grape sent us.

Yours truly, J. C. VAUGHN.

A NEW GRAPE.

We have received from Mr. A. F. Rice of Griswoldville, Ga. (near Macon) a basket of most delicious grapes which he calls "Superb" and the name correctly describes them.—*Western Cultivator and Dixie Farmer*