

# GRAPE TRIALS

## UW-WMARS University Display Gardens

Table grapes are an excellent addition to any home garden. Though grapes will grow in low light areas, they prefer full sun and well-drained soils to maximize their production and sweetness. There is a misconception that table grapes have a primarily concord 'grape jelly' flavor. The seedless varieties in our trial displayed tremendously unique flavors that surpassed those of grapes that you may purchase in a store. We have confirmed the winter hardiness of the 6 varieties and are confident in recommending several of them.

**Somerset Seedless** is a great choice because of its color, sweetness, and 'strawberry' flavor. Though it has a small berry size it is a favorite of evaluators. In addition its vine is very manageable, ripens early (mid-August), and displays great disease resistance. **Trollhaugen** is an excellent concord flavored grape with good sugar content and a manageable vine. **Mars** and **Reliance** are also hardy varieties that add unique flavors with Mars having very large berries which ripen late, and Reliance having very large clusters ripening in early September.

Somerset Seedless

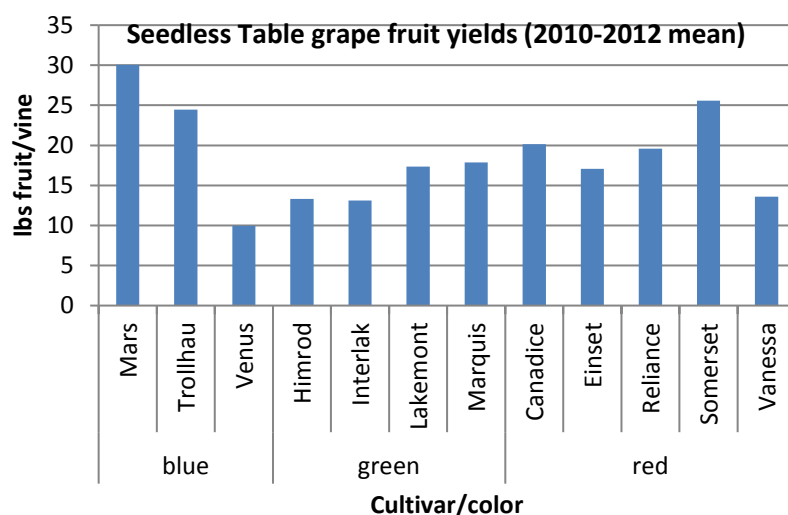
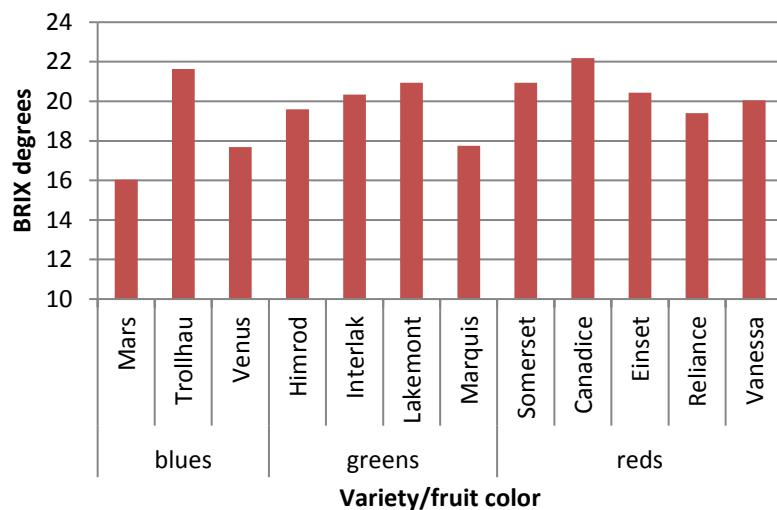


Table grape BRIX (% sugars, 3-yr mean)



Trollhaugen