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(54) **GRAPEVINE PLANT NAMED**  
**'SUGRATWENTYEIGHT'**

(50) Latin Name: *Vitis vinifera*  
Varietal Denomination: **Sugratwentyeight**

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(57) **ABSTRACT**

A new and distinct and mid-season ripening grapevine  
variety characterized by possessing naturally large, round,  
seedless grapes with a black tough and tannin skin. The  
grapes have a good eating quality, medium sugar content,  
and medium acidity.

**1 Drawing Sheet**

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Latin name of the genus and species claimed: *Vitis vin-*  
*ifera*.

Variety denominations: 'Sugratwentyeight'.

#### BACKGROUND AND SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

This invention relates to the discovery and asexual propa-  
gation of a new variety of grapevine as herein described and  
illustrated. The new variety was first hybridized by David W.  
Cain and Michael J. Striem in Kern County, Calif. The new  
variety 'Sugratwentyeight' is characterized by possessing  
naturally large, round, seedless grapes. The grapes have a  
black tough and tannin skin, with medium sugar content, and  
medium acidity, resulting in a good eating quality. The  
grapes ripen mid-season, approximately a week before  
'Redglobe' (unpatented) and about 3–4 weeks after 'Thomp-  
son seedless' (unpatented) grape, when grown in the San  
Joaquin Valley, Calif.

The new variety was created by hybridization of two  
"seedless" grapes possessing small, abortive, vestigial  
ovules. From the initial population of hybrid ovules, embryo  
rescue procedures were used to produce a population from  
which the present variety was selected. The seed parent is  
'Sun World Seedling 89145-062-244' (unpatented) variety  
and the pollen parent is 'Sun World Seedling 89014-019-  
280' (unpatented). The parent varieties were first crossed in  
May 1992, with the date of sowing being August 1992, and  
the date of first flowering being May 1994. The new  
'Sugratwentyeight' variety was first asexually propagated by  
David W. Cain in January, 1995, in Wasco, Kern County,  
Calif., using hardwood cuttings.

The new variety 'Sugratwentyeight' is distinguishable  
from its seed parent 'Sun World Seedling 89145-062-244'  
by having a much smaller and softer seed trace. Additionally,  
the berry skin color of 'Sugratwentyeight' is much darker  
than the berry skin color of its seed-parent. The pollen parent  
'Sun World Seedling 88014-019-280' tends to develop many

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shot berries, and the large berries are much softer than those  
of 'Sugratwentyeight'.

The new variety 'Sugratwentyeight' most nearly  
resembles the 'Sugrasixteen' variety U.S. Plant Pat. No.  
11,749) in its berry skin color and ripening time. It can be  
distinguished from 'Sugrasixteen' by possessing round  
grapes with firm and juicy flesh, along with a tough skin  
having a tannin flavor. Additionally, the vine of the new  
variety 'Sugratwentyeight' is less vigorous and less produc-  
tive than the vine of 'Sugrasixteen'. It also differs from  
'Sugrasixteen' by having naturally larger and round berries,  
with much heavier bloom on the berry skin.

The new grapevine variety 'Sugratwentyeight' also  
resembles the 'Redglobe' grapevine variety by possessing  
large, rounded grapes. It can be distinguished from the  
'Redglobe' variety by being seedless and by ripening about  
one week earlier than 'Redglobe'. The new grapevine vari-  
ety can be further distinguished from 'Redglobe' by having  
a black berry color, and tough, tannic skin.

The new 'Sugratwentyeight' variety has been shown to  
maintain its distinguishing characteristics through succes-  
sive asexual propagations by, for example, cuttings.

#### BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE FIGURE

The accompanying drawing in FIG. 1 illustrates in full  
color a typical cluster of berries, a young shoot, and a mature  
leaf blade of the new grapevine. The colors are as nearly true  
as is reasonably possible in a color representation of this  
type.

#### DETAILED BOTANICAL DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION

Throughout this specification, color names beginning  
with a smaller letter signify that the name of that color, as  
used in common speech, is aptly descriptive. Color names  
beginning with a capital letter designate values based upon

The R.H.S. Colour Chart, published by The Royal Horticultural Society, London, England.

Many of the description values in this specification are based on and conform to those set forth by the International Board for Plant Genetic Resources Institute Grape Descriptors (*Vitis* spp.) of 1983 and/or 1997 which was developed in collaboration with the Office International de la Vigne et du Vin (OIV) and the International Union for the Protection of New Varieties of Plants (UPOV).

The descriptive matter which follows pertains to 9 year old 'Sugratwentyeight' plants grown in the vicinity of Wasco, Kern County, Calif., during 2002, and is believed to apply to plants of the variety grown under similar conditions of soil and climate elsewhere.

## VINE

## General:

*Height*.—Approximately 188 cm.

*Spread*.—Approximately 317 cm.

*Vigor*.—Medium.

*Density of foliage*.—Medium.

*Productivity*.—Productive.

*Root stock*.—Own Roots.

## Trunk:

*Shape*.—Medium.

*Straps*.—Long.

*Surface texture*.—Shaggy.

*Inner bark color*.—About Greyed-orange 177B.

*Diameter (at approximately 20 cm above soil line)*.—

Approximately 68 mm.

## SHOOTS

## Young shoot:

*Form of tip*.—Fully open.

*Distribution of anthocyanin coloration of tip*.—Absent.

*Intensity of anthocyanin coloration of tip*.—Absent.

*Density of prostrate hairs on tip*.—Sparse.

*Density of erect hairs on tip*.—Absent.

## Woody shoot:

*Shape*.—Medium.

*Internode length*.—Short — Approximately 30.92 mm.

*Width at node*.—Approximately 12.44 mm.

*Cross section*.—Circular.

*Surface*.—Smooth.

*Main color*.—About Greyed-orange 176C.

*Lenticels*.—Absent.

*Density of erect hairs on nodes*.—None or vary sparse.

*Density of erect hairs on internodes*.—None or very sparse.

*Growth of axillary shoots*.—Very weak — approximately 4.6 cm.

## Flowering shoot:

*Vigor during flowering*.—Weak.

*Attitude during flowering on shoots which are not tied*.—Semi-drooping.

*Color of dorsal side of internodes*.—About Yellow-green 144A with stripes of about Greyed-purple 183B.

*Color of ventral side of internodes*.—About Yellow-green 144A with stripes of about Greyed-purple 183B.

*Color of dorsal side of nodes*.—About Yellow-green 144A with stripes of about Greyed-purple 183B.

*Color of ventral side of nodes*.—About Yellow-green 144A with stripes of about Greyed-purple 183B.

*Density of erect hairs on nodes*.—None.

*Erect hairs on internode*.—Absent.

*Density of prostrate hairs on nodes*.—None.

*Density of prostrate hairs on internodes*.—Absent.

*Anthocyanin coloration of buds*.—Absent.

## Tendrils:

*Distribution on the shoot at full flowering*.—

Discontinuous.

*Thickness*.—Thin.

*Color*.—About Yellow-green 144B.

*Form*.—Bifurcated.

*Number of consecutive tendrils*.—Up to two.

*Length of tendril*.—Medium — approximately 22 cm.

## LEAVES

## Young leaves:

*Color of upper surface of first 4 distal unfolded leaves*.—Yellow with bronze spots.

*Average intensity of anthocyanin coloration of six distal leaves prior to flowering*.—Medium to strong.

*Density of prostrate hairs between veins at lower surface of 4th distal unfolded leaf*.—Absent.

*Density of erect hairs between veins at lower surface of 4th distal unfolded leaf*.—Absent.

*Density of prostrate hairs on veins at lower surface of 4th distal unfolded leaf*.—Very sparse.

*Density of erect hairs on veins at lower surface of the 4th distal unfolded leaf*.—Absent.

## Mature leaves:

*Average length*.—Approximately 150 mm.

*Average width*.—Approximately 155 mm.

*Size of blade*.—Large.

*Shape of blade*.—Pentagonal.

*Number of lobes*.—5.

*Anthocyanin coloration of main veins on the upper side of the blade*.—Weak.

*Mature leaf profile*.—Undulate.

*Blistering surface of blade upper surface*.—Medium.

*Leaf blade tip*.—In the plane of the leaf.

*Undulation of margin*.—Medium.

*Apex*.—Cuspidate.

*Thickness*.—Medium.

*Undulation of blade between main and lateral veins*.—

Only near petiole.

*Shape of teeth*.—Mixture of both sides straight and both sides convex.

*Length of teeth*.—Long.

*Ratio length/width of teeth*.—Large.

*General shape of petiole sinus*.—Half open.

*Tooth at petiole sinus*.—Absent.

*Petiole sinus limited by veins*.—Absent.

*Shape of upper lateral sinus*.—Lobes slightly overlapping.

*Depth of upper lateral sinus*.—Medium.

*Density of prostrate hairs between veins on lower surface of blade*.—Absent.

*Density of erect hairs between veins on lower surface of blade*.—Absent.

*Density of prostrate hairs on main veins on lower surface of blade*.—Sparse.

*Density of erect hairs on main veins on lower surface of blade*.—None or very sparse.

*Density of prostrate hairs on main veins on upper surface of blade*.—Absent.

*Autumn coloration of leaves*.—About Greyed-orange 163B. (Note: Autumn leaf coloration is slow to

develop. Normally frost kills leaves before extensive color change.)

## Upper surface:

*Color*.—About Green 137C.

*Surface texture*.—Rugose.

*Surface appearance*.—Dull.

*Goffering of blade*.—Present.

## Lower surface:

*Color*.—About Green 137D.

*Anthocyanin coloration of main veins on lower leaf surface*.—Weak.

*Glossiness*.—Weak.

*Pubescence*.—Few.

*Surface texture*.—Smooth.

*Surface appearance*.—Semi-glossy.

## Petiole:

*Length of petiole*.—Medium — approximately 9.35 cm.

*Length of petiole compared to middle vein*.—Slightly shorter.

*Density of prostrate hairs on petiole*.—None.

*Density of erect hairs on petiole*.—None.

*Shape of base of petiole sinus*.—V-shaped.

## Buds:

*Shape*.—Pointed.

*Size*.—Medium. — Approximately 4 mm by approximately 6 mm.

*Position*.—Slightly held out — (at approximately at 45° angle).

*Cane bud fruitfulness*.—Basal most fruitful.

*Time of bud burst*.—Medium.

## FLOWERS

## General:

*Flower sex*.—Hermaphrodite.

*Length of first inflorescence*.—Long.

*Position of first flowering node*.—3<sup>rd</sup>.

*Number of inflorescences per shoot*.—Up to 1.

*Date of full bloom*.—May 9, 2002.

*Time of bloom*.—Early.

*Size (diameter of fully open flower)*.—Medium.

## FRUIT

## General:

*Ripening period*.—Medium — ripens about 3–4 weeks after ‘Thompson seedless’ grape, when grown in the San Joaquin Valley, Calif.

*Use*.—Fresh market.

*Keeping quality*.—Good.

*Disease resistance*.—Neither resistance nor susceptibility to diseases and pests has been observed in this cultivar.

*Shipping quality*.—Medium.

*Date of first harvest*.—Aug. 22, 2002.

*Solids-Sugar*.—Medium (approximately 18%).

*Refractometer test*.—Approximately 19.0.

*Acid*.—Medium — approximately 4.24 grams/L tartaric acid.

*Juice pH*.—Approximately 4.32.

## Cluster:

*Bunch size (peduncle excluded)*.—Large.

*Bunch length (peduncle excluded)*.—Long — approximately 29 cm.

*Bunch width*.—Approximately 16.3 cm.

*Bunch weight*.—High — approximately 653 g.

*Bunch density*.—Loose.

*Number of berries*.—Approximately 112.5.

*Form*.—Conical.

## Peduncle:

*Length of peduncle*.—Very short — approximately 29.8 mm.

*Lignification of peduncle*.—Weak.

*Color*.—About Greyed-purple 183B.

## Berry:

*Size*.—Large.

*Uniformity of size*.—Variable.

*Berry weight*.—Very high — approximately 6.12 g.

*Shape*.—Round.

*Presence of seeds*.—Rudimentary — approximately 1.12 mg.

*Cross section*.—Circular.

*Length*.—Approximately 24.0 mm.

*Width*.—Approximately 20.8 mm.

*Skin color (without bloom)*.—About Black 202A.

*Coloration of flesh*.—Transparent greenish.

*Juiciness of flesh*.—Very juicy.

*Berry firmness*.—Firm.

*Particular flavor*.—None.

*Bloom (cuticular wax)*.—Strong.

*Pedice length*.—Intermediate — approximately 0.94 cm.

*Berry separation from pedicel*.—Easy.

*Visibility of hilum*.—Slightly visible.

## Skin:

*Thickness*.—Thick.

*Thick*.—Tough.

*Reticulation*.—Absent.

*Roughness*.—Absent.

*Tenacity*.—Tenacious to flesh.

## What is claimed is:

1. A new and distinct variety of grapevine plant named ‘Sugratwentyeight’ as herein illustrated and described.

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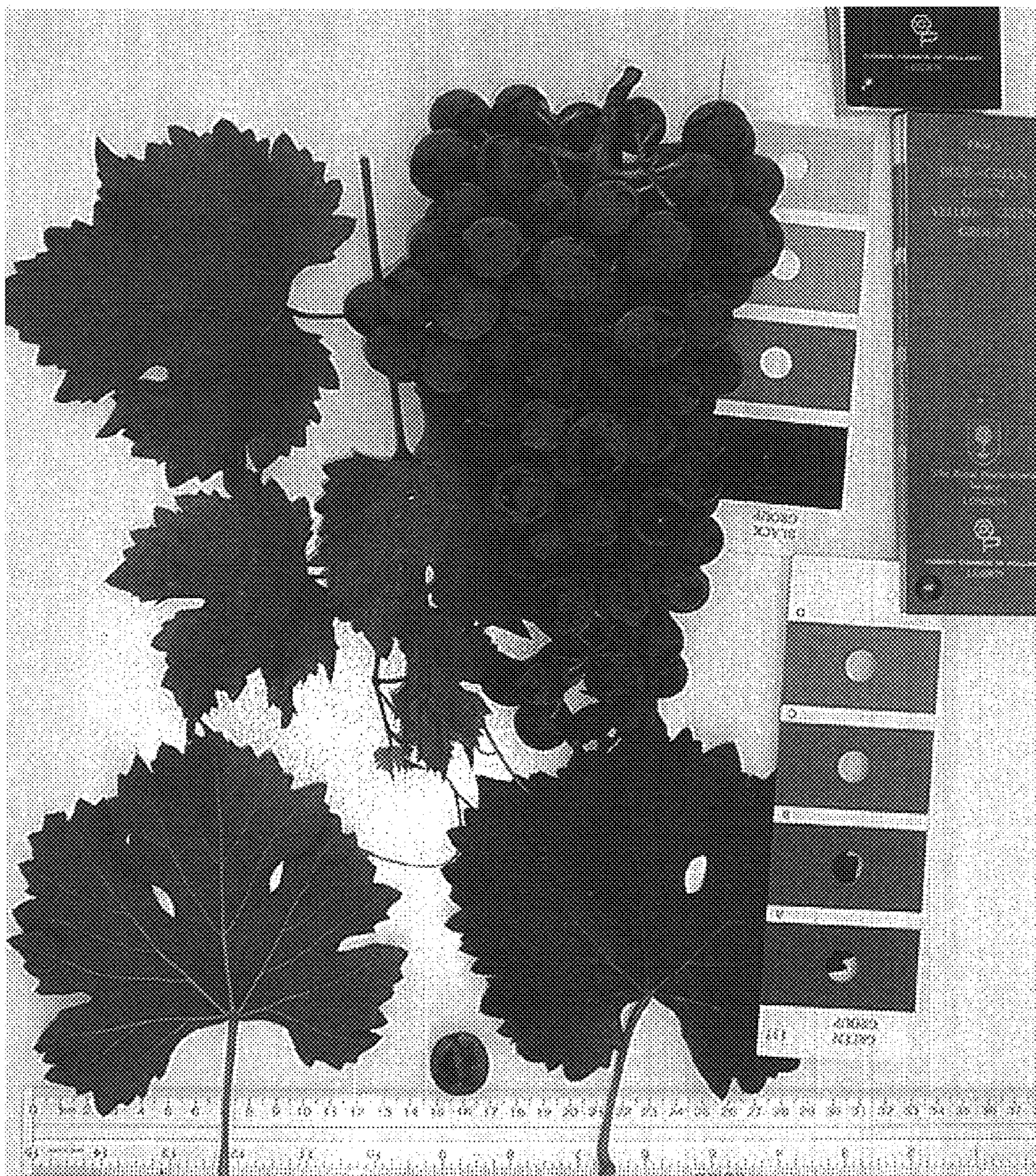


FIG. 1