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(54) **GRAPEVINE ‘SHEEGENE-6’**

(50) Latin Name: *Vitis vinifera*  
Varietal Denomination: **Sheegene-6**

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(57) **ABSTRACT**

A new and distinct variety characterized by large, red-  
colored nearly seedless grapes that ripen in late July to early  
August, several weeks later than the Flame Seedless Grape  
(unpatented), when grown in the San Joaquin Valley of Cen-  
tral California. The grapes of this new variety are produced  
on strong stems and branches and are well adapted to com-  
mercial handling.

**1 Drawing Sheet**

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Latin name of the genus and species of the plant claimed:  
The claimed plant relates to a new and distinct variety of  
*Vitis vinifera* to be known as ‘Sheegene-6’.

Variety denomination:

This invention relates to a new discovery and asexual  
propagation of this new variety of *Vitis vinifera*. The new  
variety was first hybridized by Timothy P. Sheehan of Porter-  
ville, Calif. in the Spring of 2000. The pollen parent is ‘Prin-  
cess’ (unpatented) and the seed parent is ‘Red Globe’ (U.S.  
Plant Pat. No. 4,787). Date of first flowering occurred in  
May 2003. The new variety was asexually propagated in the  
dormant season of 2003/2004, grafted on ‘Harmony’, virus-  
free rootstock new Fowler, Calif. Two vines were planted at  
that time in a variety block of *Vitis Vinifera* located near  
Fowler, Calif. on the west side of Thompson Road, north of  
Adams Road, in the San Joaquin Valley of Central Califor-  
nia. The red-colored seedless grapes produced by the new  
variety are larger in size than the ‘Flame Seedless’ (unpat-  
ented) and mature approximately two weeks later. The new  
variety has been shown to maintain its distinguishing charac-  
teristics through asexual propagation.

**BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION**

The present invention relates to a new and distinct variety  
of grape which will hereinafter be denominated as  
‘Sheegene-6’ and more particularly to a grapevine which  
produces a large, red-colored nearly seedless grape which is  
mature for commercial harvesting and shipment during the  
fourth week of July to the first week of August in the San  
Joaquin Valley of Central California. The new invention  
most closely resembles ‘Flame Seedless’ (unpatented) but it  
produces a larger grape that is very sweet, has excellent  
flavor, and matures approximately two weeks later.

**SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION**

The ‘Sheegene-6’ grapevine is characterized by producing  
a large, red-colored nearly seedless grape with excellent fla-  
vor that is mature for harvesting and shipment during the  
fourth week of July to the first week of August in the San  
Joaquin Valley of Central California. The new variety can be  
compared to the Flame Seedless (unpatented) but the grapes

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mature about two weeks later, among other distinguishing  
characteristics.

**BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWING**

The accompanying drawing is a color photograph that dis-  
plays mature leaves, small leaves with tendrils, clusters of  
mature and immature grapes, four grapes cut in half display-  
ing the color of the flesh and the shape of the berries, in  
addition to a short mature branch displaying its color.

**DETAILED BOTANICAL DESCRIPTION**

Referring more to the horizontal description of the new  
and distinct variety of grapevine, the following description  
has been observed under the ecological conditions prevailing  
at the origin vineyard located near Fowler, Calif. in the San  
Joaquin Valley of Central California.

All major color designations are by reference to the Dic-  
tionary of Color by Maerz and Paul, First Edition, published  
in 1930. Common color names are also used in several  
instances.

Vine:

*Size*.—Medium to large for a four year old vine.  
*Vigor*.—Very good. *Figure* — *Form*: With wide cordons  
forming a “T” shape.  
*Production*.—Very good.  
*Regularity of bearing*.—Regular.

Trunk:

*Size*.—Medium, 15.24 cm (6 inches) in circumference,  
25 inches above graft.  
*Surface texture*.—Rough, shaggy.  
*Color*.—P1.7 E10 Chestnut Brown Stone.  
*Mature cane color*.—P1.14 L 12 Sudan br.  
*Nodes*.—Six on canes, 59.7 cm (23½ inches) long.  
*Length between nodes*.—10.16 cm (4 inches).  
*Lenticels* — *Number*: 0. *Lenticels* — *Size*: 0.  
*Shoots* — *Size*: Medium. *Shoots* — *Length*: 5.08 cm  
(2.0 inches). *Shoots* — *Shape*: Drooping. *Tendrils* —  
*Number*: One at node. *Tendrils* — *Size*: 4 cm (10.16  
inches) in length. *Tendrils* — *Location*: At node.

Tendrils — Form: Bifurcate. Tendrils — Texture: Firm.

*Bud shape.*—Convex.

*Bud size.*—5 mm (0.20 inches) in length; 7 mm (0.28 inches) in width.

*Buds fruitfulness.*—Very good.

Branches:

*Size.*—Medium, 5.08 cm (2 inches) in circumference.

*Cordons.*—101.6 cm (40 inches) on one side of trunk, 81.28 cm (32 inches) on other side of trunk. Color — One year or older wood: P1. 7F9 Kaffa Hamstead Brown. Color — Immature Branches: P1.20 L5 — Lettuce gr.

Leaves:

*Size.*—Large. Density: Dense.

*Average length.*—13.5 cm (5.59 inches).

*Average width.*—17.9 cm (7.05 inches).

*Form.*—Pentagonal. Texture — Upper Surface: Smooth. Texture — Lower Surface: Glabrous. Color — Upwardly Disposed Surface: P1.23 J8 Mt. Vernon green. Color — Lower Disposed Surface: P1.20 K7 Near Piquant green. Color — Leaf Vein: P1.20 K6 — Piquant gr.

*Glandular characteristics.*—0.

*Petiole size.*—Large.

*Petiole length.*—16.5 cm (6.5 inches).

*Petiole thickness.*—3 mm (0.12 inches). Petiole Sinus — Form: Upside down U-shape.

*Lobes.*—Four.

*Tooth size.*—13 mm (0.51 inch) in length, 12 mm (0.47 inches) in width. Tooth — Number: Three large between lobes. Tooth — Shape: Convex.

Inflorescence:

*Size.*—Large, 160 to 192 mm (6.30 to 7.56 inches).

Number Borne — Per Spur: Two to three (average).

Number Borne — Per Vine: At least 30.

Flowers:

*Flower buds.*—Size: Small.

*flower buds.*—Surface: Glabrous.

*Flower buds.*—Generally: Profuse.

*Date of bloom.*—May 12, 2002.

*Date of full bloom.*—May 15, 2006.

*Size of bloom.*—4 mm (0.16 inches).

*Petal color.*—P1.7 C9 Chicle.

*Pistol color.*—P1.20 L5 Lettuce green.

*Date of first visible berries.*—May 17, 2006.

*Size.*—2 to 3 m (0.08 to 0.12 inches).

Fruit:

*Solids.*—21.2° Brix.

*Acid.*—0.35.

*Sugar/Acid ratio.*—54.3.

*Juice pH.*—3.73.

*Seeds.*—Rudimentary.

*Seed numbers.*—Two.

*Capsium pedicel.*—6 mm (0.24 inches).

*Berry weight.*—9.94 grams.

*Juice color.*—P1.1 C1.

*Size.*—Large. Cluster — Size: Large. Cluster — Average Length: 29.5 cm (11.22 inches), not including main stem of cluster). Cluster — Average Diameter at Greatest Width: 22.5 cm (8.8 inches). Cluster — Weight: 1,590.4 grams (3½ lbs.).

*Compact.*—Compact.

*Cluster Form.*—Conical. Stems — Generally: Medium; 8 cm (3.15 inches). Stem — Caliper: 7 mm (0.28 inches).

*Berry form.*—Globular.

*Berry number.*—Approximately 158 per bunch. Berry Size — Average Dimension in Longitudinal Axis: 21 mm (0.83 inches). Berry Size — Average Dimension in Transverse Axis: 22 mm (0.87 inches).

Skin:

*Thickness.*—Thin.

*Tendency to crack.*—None known.

*Blush color.*—P1.55 H9 Gooseberry.

*Ground color.*—P1.53 B3 Rose Quartz +.

*Pulp.*—Clear.

*Lenticels.*—0.

Flesh:

*Color.*—P1.53 F6.

*Juice production.*—Good.

*Flavor.*—Very good.

*Aroma.*—Very mild.

*Texture.*—Somewhat firm.

*Ripening.*—Even.

*Eating quality.*—Very good.

*Harvesting.*—Late July to early August.

*Shipping and handling qualities.*—Medium.

Having thus described and illustrated our new variety of grapevine, we claim:

1. A new variety of grapevine to be known as Sheegene-6 and parts thereof, substantially as illustrated and described, characterized principally by its production of large, red-colored nearly seedless grapes, that mature approximately two weeks later in the season of ripening than does the Flame Seedless Grape (unpatented) which it resembles.

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**CERTIFICATE OF CORRECTION**

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It is certified that error appears in the above-identified patent and that said Letters Patent is hereby corrected as shown below:

Column 1, lines 8 to 9, “‘Princess’ (unpatented)” should be changed to  
--‘Flame Seedless’ (unpatented)--.

Signed and Sealed this  
Third Day of April, 2012

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David J. Kappos". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

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