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(54) **SEEDLESS TABLE GRAPE (GRAPEVINE)**
NAMED ‘ITUMNINE’

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(57) **ABSTRACT**

A new distinct variety of grapevine named ‘Ituranine’. The new variety abundantly forms an intense dark red violet seedless berries with a cylindrical berry shape, a neutral with a semi acid twist and a very crunchy moderate-firm berry texture. Being a late season variety, the fruit commonly is ready for harvesting in autumn from September to October in Bianca, Murcia, Spain and displays good eating qualities as a table grape. The fruit meatiness and thinness render the limit amenable for handling, shipping, and storage.

4 Drawing Sheets

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Latin name of the genus and species: *Vitis vinifera*.
Variety denomination: ‘ITUMNINE’.

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

A breeding program was initiated during 2003 at a research nursery Blanca, Murcia, Spain. During the development of this breeding program, a new variety of *Vitis vinifera* was created by deliberate cross breeding of two parent plants by emasculation of the pollen bearing organ of the female and introducing pollen from a different male variety. The female parent of the new variety is ‘Autumn Royal’, U.S. Plant Pat. No. 2,906. The male parent (i.e. the pollen parent) of the new variety is ‘Princess’, unpatented. ‘Itumnine’ was identified as a potentially interesting selection during 2008 at the same location in Murcia, Spain. After identifying the new variety as a potentially interesting selection, first propagation of ‘ITUMNINE’ by vegetative cuttings was undertaken during 2009, at the research nursery in Murcia, Spain. Controlled testing and propagation of this variety continued, to assess stability of the unique characteristics of this variety. Subsequently, several generations have been reproduced and have shown that the unique features of this cultivar are stable and reproduced true to type. No publications have been issued on the plant breeding invention. Date of first sale was Aug. 27, 2019, occurring in Europe. This sale was made directly by the inventor or one who obtained the claimed invention directly or indirectly from the inventor. This sale and all public disclosures made

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between Aug. 27, 2019 and the filing of this application fall within the exception allowed under 102(b)(1).

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

The cultivar ‘ITUMNINE’ has not been observed under all possible environmental conditions. The phenotype may vary somewhat with variations in environment such as temperature, day length, and light intensity, without, however, any variance in genotype. The new variety ‘Itumnine’ is dark red-violet seedless table grape with medium production and a medium fertility index “1, 1”. In addition to the before mentioned characteristics, the following traits have been repeatedly observed and are determined to be the unique characteristics of ‘Itumnine’. These characteristics in combination distinguish ‘Itumnine’ as a new and distinct *Vitis* cultivar:

1. Unique dark red-violet skin coloration.
2. Medium to large clusters.
3. A late season variety, commonly bears fruit for harvesting from September to October in the region of Murcia, Spain.
4. Moderately firm berry texture, crunchy to bite on.
5. Absence of seeds.
6. Cylindrical berry shape
7. interesting flavor: neutral with a semi-acid twist.
8. Fruit has been found to be suitable for handling and shipping.
9. Observed tolerance of water shortage.
10. Observed tolerance for temperatures up to 41° C.

- 11. Neutral flavor profile.
- 12. Resistance to cracking.

COMPARISON TO PARENT VARIETIES

TABLE 1

Characteristic	'Itumnine'	Parental A (fem) 'Autumn Royal'
Berry Skin Color	Dark Red-Violet	Black
Formation of Seeds	Seedless	Rudimentary
Characteristic	'Itumnine'	Parental B (masc.) 'Princess'
Berry Flavor:	Neutral with slight acid twist	Muscat
Berry Skin Color	Dark Red-Violet	Light Green

COMMERCIAL COMPARISON

TABLE 2

Characteristic	'Itumnine'	'Flame' (unpatented)
Berry Texture	Very crunchy and moderately firm	Crunchy
Berry Shape	Cylindrical	Globose
Berry Flavor	Neutral with slight acid twist	Sweet
Characteristic	'Itumnine'	'Sheegene-20' (U.S. Plant Pat. No. 23,125)
Berry Shape	Cylindrical	Narrow ellipsoid
Mature leaf shape	Wedge shaped	Orbicular
Berry Skin Color	Dark Red-Violet	Red
Berry Size	Very large	Large
Characteristic	'Itumnine'	'Itumeight' (U.S. application Ser. No. 16/983,922)
Berry Shape	Cylindrical	Cylindrical narrow ellipsoid
Berry Texture	Very firm, approximately 25 newtons	Very firm, approximately 32 newtons
Maturity Date	Late-season; from Mid-September until October	Mid-season; from August until Mid-September

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE PHOTOGRAPHS

The accompanying photographic illustrations show typical samples of vegetative growth of 10 year old specimens of the new variety, in color as nearly true as it is reasonably possible to make in a color illustration of this character. Plants were grown in Murcia, Spain. Colors in the photograph may differ from the color values cited in the detailed botanical description below, which accurately describes the colors of the new Grapevine.

FIG. 1 illustrates a fruit cluster of 'Itumnine'.

FIG. 2 shows a close up view of the trunk of 'Itumnine'.

FIG. 3 illustrates in close up perspective typical foliage of the new variety, both front and back of the leaf.

FIG. 4 illustrates the plant canopy of 'Itumnine', including fruits, branches and foliage.

DETAILED BOTANICAL DESCRIPTION

In the following description, color references are made to The Royal Horticultural Society Colour Chart 2015 except where general terms of ordinary dictionary significance are used. Some descriptors, when useful have been incorporated from *UPOV Grape Descriptor Guidelines*. The description is based on the observation of plants growing on '1103 Paulsen' (unpatented) rootstock in clay stony soil conditions in the fields near Blanca, Murcia, Spain. The age of plant described is of 10 years, with an average height of 200 cm, a high canopy density, a 300 cm plant spread, a one-year growth rate to reach two meters high and 20 to 30 days to initiate roots at approx. 20° C. At observation location temperature ranged between 15° C. to 35° C. during the day, and between 5° C. to 20° C. during the night. Botanical classification: *Vitis vinifera* 'Itumnine'.

CANES

Characteristics of mature canes:
Diameter.—1.6 to 1.8 cm.
Length.—55-65 cm.
Color.—Near RHS Greyed-Orange 164C.
Cross section shape.—Circle.
Strength.—Medium.
Texture.—Non-pubescent, rough, slightly scaly.
Lenticels:
Diameter.—<0.5 mm.
Density.—Few to-moderate.
Color.—Near RHS Greyed-Orange 164C.
Internode:
Length.—11-13 cm; midpoint 12 cm.
Pigmentation at internode, dorsal.—Near RHS Greyed-Orange 164C.
Pigmentation at internode, ventral.—Near RHS Greyed-Orange 164C.
Tendrils (counting nodes/buds from the base of the branch to its end, when a tendril is present, a 1 is marked, no tendril, a 0 is marked) pattern on shoot: 0,0,0,0,0,1.
Tendrils forked.—Yes.
Tendrils texture.—Glabrous.
Tendrils length.—12 to 14 cm.
Bud:
Width.—1.3 cm.
Bud length.—0.4 cm.
Bud shape.—Triangular.
Bud color.—Near RHS Greyed-Yellow 161D and 162D both, colors present individually.
Young shoot:
Openness of tip.—Open.
Anthocyanin not present in.—Shoot pigmentation.
Texture.—Smooth.
Diameter.—0.8 to 1.1 cm.
Longitudinal length.—1.0 to 4.0 m; midpoint 2.0 m.
Color.—Near RHS Greyed-Orange 164D, streaked 165D.
Cross section.—Circular.
Strength.—Low to medium.
Attitude.—Horizontal.
Bark texture.—Shaggy.

Bark color.—Near RHS Greyed-Red 178A streaked 180A.

FOLIAGE

Leaf:

Arrangement.—Alternate.
Quantity.—Approximately 14 per cane.
Average length.—23 cm.
Average width.—20 cm.
Overall shape of blade.—Wedge-shaped.
Apex.—Acute.
Base.—Rounded.
Margin.—Nearly entire, infrequent shallow dentations.
Texture of top surface.—Smooth.
Texture of bottom surface.—Smooth.
Pubescence.—None.
Aspect.—Slightly undulate.

Sinuses:

Shape of petiolar sinus.—High widened.
Shape of base petiolar sinus.—High widened.
Depth of petiolar sinus.—5 cm.
Width of petiolar sinus.—2.6 cm.
Shape of upper sinuses.—High widened.

Color:

Immature foliage upper side.—Near RHS Yellow-Green 154D streaked 150D.
Immature foliage under side.—Near RHS Yellow-Green 154D streaked 150D.
Mature foliage upper side.—Near RHS Green 137A.
Mature foliage under side.—Near RHS Yellow-Green 144A.

Venation:

Type.—Pinnate.
Venation color upper side.—Near RHS Yellow-Green 154C.
Venation color under side.—Near RHS Yellow-Green 154C.

Petiole:

Length.—18 cm.
Diameter.—0.4 cm.
Color.—Near RHS Yellow-Green 144A with very weak anthocyanin presence on top surface near Red 36C.
Texture.—Glabrous.

FLOWER

Flowering period begins around May 15 to 22 in Murcia, Spain.

Inflorescence when in bud:

Length.—14 cm.
Diameter.—6 cm.
Bud color.—Near RHS Green 140B.
Bud shape.—Conical.
Bud size.—About 1 to 2 mm by 1 to 2 mm.

Individual flower:

Main time of flowering.—7 days.
Size of entire flower (to end of stamens).—0.7 cm.
Calyx shape.—Funnel.
Calyx size.—1.5 cm.
Calyx color.—Near RHS Green 140A.
Calyx apex.—Rounded.
Calyx base.—Rounded.
Calyx texture.—Glabrous all surfaces.
Diameter.—15 mm.

Quantity per flowering stem.—5.
Days lasting on plant.—7 days.

Petals:

Quantity.—5.
Arrangement.—Symmetrical rotate.
Length.—0.19 cm.
Width.—<0.1 cm.
Shape.—Obovate.
Apex.—Ovate.
Base.—Ovate.
Texture.—Upper and lower surfaces soft.
Color.—At opening upper surface: Near RHS Green 140B. At opening lower surface: Near RHS Green 140B. Fully opened upper Surface: Near RHS Green 140B. Fully opened lower Surface: Near RHS Green 140B.

Peduncles:

Fruit peduncle length.—75 mm.
Fruit peduncle width.—5 mm.
Angle.—About 75° to the lateral branch.
Fruit peduncle strength.—Medium.
Fruit peduncle texture.—Softly pubescent.
Color.—Near RHS Green 142D.

Pedicels:

Length.—0.8 cm.
Diameter.—0.05 cm.
Angle.—About 70° to center of flower cluster.
Strength.—Medium.
Texture.—Softly pubescent.
Color.—Near RHS Green 141C.

Fragrance: Absent.

REPRODUCTIVE ORGANS

Number of stamens: 5.

Anthers:

Shape.—Oblong.
Length.—Approximately 0.25 cm.
Color.—Near Yellow 9C.

Pollen:

Color.—Near Yellow 8A.

Quantity: Abundant.

Pistil:

Quantity.—1.
Length.—0.25 cm.

Style:

Length.—<0.1 cm.
Color.—Near RHS Green 143B.

Stigma:

Shape.—Round.
Color.—Near RHS Yellow-Green 144D.

Ovary color: Near RHS Yellow-Green 144D.

FRUIT

Cluster:

Average length.—29 cm.
Average diameter.—21 cm.
Average weight.—800 grams.
Fertility index.—number of clusters per sprouted buds 1.

Fruit:

Average length.—3.2 cm.
Average diameter.—2.4 cm.
Shape.—Cylindrical.
Cross-section.—Circular.

Color of berry skin.—Near Purple 77A flushed Purple N79C.
Color of berry flesh.—Translucent, near White 155B.
Brix at harvest.—19.
Ease of detachment from pedicel.—Difficult, well hooked and difficult detachment.
Thickness of skin.—Thin.
Firmness of flesh.—Very crunchy and moderately firm.
Particular flavor.—Neutral with a semi-acid twist.
Formation of seeds.—None. Seeds are absent in this variety.
Average weight of an individual berry.—8.8 grams.
Storage characteristics.—Typically and observed 90 days at 1° C.

OTHER CHARACTERISTICS

Disease and Pest Resistance: Not observed to be susceptible nor resistant to normal diseases and pests of *Vitis vinifera*.
Temperature tolerance: Observed growing between 6° C. to 41° C.
Drought tolerance: Observed to tolerate water shortages during the dry Summer months of Murcia, Spain without detriment.
What is claimed is:
1. A new and distinct cultivar of *Vitis* grapevine named ‘ITUMNINE’ as herein illustrated and described.

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FIG. 1



FIG. 2



FIG. 3



FIG. 4