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PRICE LIST

OF THE

NEW WHITE GRAPE,

DUCHESS!

FOR THE

Fall of 1881 and Spring of 1882.

DESCRIPTION:

Bunch medium to large, often 8 inches long, handsomely shaped, shoul-
dered, compact. Berry medium, round, of a greenish white in color, and
clings to the stalk with great tenacity; skin thin, translucent, and very
firm; flesh tender, without pulp, and in flavor will rank as best. Ripens
between the Delaware and the Concord; foliage healthy; vine very pro-
ductive, and perfectly hardy; has stood, unprotected, with mercury 241
degrees below zero, without injury to the buds.

Price List--Fall of 1881 and Spring of 1882.

1 year vines, first-class, ............ $1.25 each; $12.00 per dozen.
2 "  "  strong, .....................  2.00 "   15.00 "
3 "  "  extra,  .....................  3.00 "   24.00 "

FOR SALE BY

H. S. ANDERSON,
Successor to FARLEY & ANDERSON,
CAYUGA LAKE NURSERIES,
Union Springs, Cayuga County, N. Y.
The New Seedling Grape "Duchess," originated in Ulster County, New York, is the result of crossing a white seedling of the Concord with the Walter.

Another season has fully confirmed our faith in the Duchess Grape; it has proved as hardy and as free from disease as the Concord, a stronger grower and very productive. There being no market grape of its color, size, hardiness, quality and productiveness, and from the many flattering testimonials which we have received from parties who have been testing it in different sections and soils, we feel confident that it will prove a valuable addition to our Hardy Grapes.

It is the most vigorous grower we ever saw. The fruit keeps and carries well, making it particularly desirable as a market grape, selling last fall, in New York at 14 cents per lb., when Delaware brought only 6 to 7 cents, and Concords 4 to 5 cents per lb.

TESTIMONIALS.

From the many Testimonials received we select the following:

From Marshall P. Wilder.


Gentlemen:

I am under great obligations for the fine Duchess Grapes. From the high opinion given of the Duchess by our careful and truthful John J. Thomas, I expected to see a grape of very superior quality and I was not disappointed. It is remarkably free from pulp and foxiness, and in his words "a delicious variety." Should it prove elsewhere as vigorous and hardy as with you, it will be one of the most valuable acquisitions to our list of new American grapes. One of the excellencies of this grape is the strong adhesion of its berries—an important consideration.

MARSHALL P. WILDER.

To Messrs. Farley & Anderson.

[Later.]


Gentlemen:

The more I see of the Duchess grape the better I like it. The berries adhere so firmly and the flesh is so meaty and yet not hard and withal sprightly.

MARSHALL P. WILDER.

Newburgh, N. Y. July 23rd, 1880.

You ask my opinion as to the Duchess Grape. Having seen it only two seasons, I am not able to give a decided opinion of its merits, and can only say that so far, it promises to be valuable, both for home use and market; the vine is healthy and vigorous, producing good crops, bunch and berry medium to large; flesh tender to the centre, juicy, sweet, slightly vinous, rich, and of very good quality.

CHAS. DOWNING.

From John J. Thomas, Associate Editor of the "Country Gentleman."

"I have examined, at different times, the fruit of the Duchess Grape, and have seen the growth of the vine on my own grounds and elsewhere. In quality, it is unquestionably one of the most delicious of all out-door varieties, and in growth the vines possess great vigor and hardiness, withstanding our winters uninjured.

From H. E. Hooker.

The "Duchess" pleases me very much; in appearance and quality it is, I think, better than I have before seen it, and certainly promises well. If such white grapes can be surely produced, we shall soon have a very complete list of fine grapes for the open air.

Yours respectfully,

H. E. HOOKER.

Ex-Governor Robert W. Furnas, President of Nebraska State Horticultural Society, in a letter dated Oct. 21st, 1880, relative to the Duchess grape, says:—I am well pleased with it. I consider it a valuable acquisition to our grape list.
From Prof. Sager.
ONTARIO CO., N. Y., June 14th, 1879.

Gentlemen:

Your note is this day received, requesting my candid and unbiased opinion of the character of Mr. Caywood's white seedling grape, The Duchess. I am happy to say that among the entire variety of the native white grape of this country, the Duchess will stand in the very front rank; and from the knowledge I have of the varieties of white grapes that have appeared of late years, I should not hesitate to say that the Duchess, where so many and extraordinary characteristics are taken into account, can have no very successful rival. It is every way equal to the Concord in growth, while the remarkable size of the clusters, and superior flavor of the same, cannot help making it an attractive favorite in the market. It is a grape that will bear transportation, I think equal to the Catawba. Its hardness is proof against twenty degrees below zero. I know of no grape at the present time that can lay claim to so many and such remarkable excellencies as the Duchess white grape.

Yours Truly,
J. SAGER.

Mr. A. T. Woodward, of Brandon, Vt., received from the originator of the Duchess, a vine of that and two other seedlings, in regard to which he says: "I am pleased to inform you that all three of the new varieties of grapes sent me are living and growing remarkably well, especially the Duchess. So far not one but has proven hardy and perfectly adapted to our climate.

NAPLES, N. Y. June 15, 1879.

I have fruited the Duchess grape for seven or eight years. It is one of the most rampant growers that I have, it always ripens its wood to the tip ends, and stands the hardest winters, it came through the winter of the big freeze uninjured, and the mercury here marked twenty-four and a half degrees below zero. I have watched it closely and compared it with other white grapes; it is productive and of fine quality: all things considered, I believe it to be the best white grape that I am acquainted with.

Yours with respect,
W. C. DUTCHER.

[Later.]
NAPLES, N. Y., August 23d.

The Duchess upon an extended trial stands A. No. 1 with me, and is growing into favor with grape growers in this section. I shipped Duchess grapes to New York last fall and they sold wholesale at $1.40 per lb., at a time when the market was full. Delawares were selling at 6 to 7 cents per pound, and Concords at 4 to 5 cents per pound.

W. C. DUTCHER.

Joseph Boles, of Oshkosh, Wis., [60 miles south of St. Paul, Minn.] says:

• • • The Duchess has the best flavor of any grape I know grown out of doors, equaling the California grape of Smith and Cole. I like it the best of any grape I know of. I think they are full as hardy as any I have and ripen a week earlier.

Hon. E. B. Pottle, of Naples, says:

Mr. Caywood sent me a single vine of the "Duchess" Grape, and I planted it in my garden where it has stood, without protection, and fruited, (I think) five years. It is perfectly hardy and a prolific bearer, a very promising white grape.

From the Leading Agricultural Journals:

"If we recollect aright, it results from the crossing of a White Concord seedling with the Walter. It is a large, handsomely-shaped and well-shouldered bunch of medium-sized berries, which cling to the stock with great tenacity. The skin is thin, the flesh very tender, and in flavor it will rank with any of the very best grapes. Its keeping and carrying qualities we assume are, and they appear to be, excellent.—American Agriculturist.

Pres. T. T. Lyon, speaking in the Mich. Farmer, of new grapes shown at the meeting of the American Pomological Society, at Rochester, says: "The Committee on New Native Fruits had an arduous task to perform, and they felt compelled to be very conservative in their decisions, in consideration of the very high character and close competition of the new seedlings. The Committee judging, of course, only from what they saw before them, awarded the meed of superior quality to the "Duchess."”—Rural New Yorker.

"The Duchess Grape." • • • The specimens which were exhibited at Rochester at the time of the American Pomological Society, had hardly matured enough to develop the rich and sprightly flavor which places this Grape among the very best of the hardy white varieties, while additional value is given it by the strong growth and productiveness of the vine."—The Country Gentleman.
THE NEW WHITE GRAPE, "DUCHESS."