CAMMINARE NOIR (Selection 07355-075)

This red wine grape is 94% V. vinifera, makes wines with characteristics of both Cabernet Sauvignon and Petite Sirah and is resistant to Pierce’s Disease. It is established in large test plots along the Napa River and commercial scale wines have been made from this plot. This selection is one of the earliest to break dormancy, and it also blooms and ripens early. The berries are relatively large and the well-filled clusters are medium in size. This selection has been repeatedly tested in a UC Davis greenhouse screen and is highly resistant to Pierce’s Disease. It has ranked highly at numerous tastings of both Davis and Napa grown fruit. Tasting notes include: dark-red purple color, bright red fruit, raspberry, cherry, ripe, tannic, elegant rather than dense.

Technical: This variety was bred by Dr. Andrew Walker and is 50% Petite Sirah and 25% Cabernet Sauvignon.
PIERCE’S DISEASE RESISTANT WINEGRAPE
(VITIS VINIFERA)

PASEANTE NOIR (UC Case No. 2020-047)
(Selection 09331-047)

This red wine grape is 97% V. vinifera, has characteristics of Zinfandel Cabernet Sauvignon and is highly resistant to Pierce’s Disease. It is established in field trials in Temecula and along the Napa River, where commercial scale wines have been made. It blooms relatively late, but ripens mid-season. The berries are medium and the clusters are well-filled and relatively large. Although this selection is spur fruitful it typically has only one cluster per shoot and is more productive with cane pruning. Wines from this selection have been ranked highly at numerous tastings of Davis and Napa grown fruit. Tasting comments include: medium dark red with purple; berry pie, cassis, black olive, herbal, dried hay, coffee, vegetal like Cabernet Sauvignon, licorice, round, moderate tannins, soft finish.

Technical: This red wine grape variety was bred by Dr. Andrew Walker and is 50% Zinfandel, 25% Petite Sirah, and 12.5% Cabernet Sauvignon.

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ERRANTE NOIR (Selection 09356-235)

This red wine grape is 97% V. vinifera, has great blending potential and is highly resistant to Pierce’s Disease in repeated greenhouse and field evaluations. It has a mid-season bloom and ripening period and has relatively large berries and loose clusters. It is highly productive. Wines have been made from Davis fruit and they ranked very highly with tasting comments including: dark red-purple color; complex fruit with herbs and earth, plum, big wine, dense, rich middle, tannic yet balanced. This red wine grape was rated as having great blending potential with Cabernet Sauvignon. It’s high levels of high-quality tannin were also noted.

Technical: This variety was bred by Dr. Andrew Walker and is 50% Sylvaner and 12.5% each of Cabernet Sauvignon, Carignane, and Chardonnay.
PIERCÉ’S DISEASE RESISTANT WINEGRAPE
(VITIS VINIFERA)

AMBULO BLANC
(UC Case No. 2020-046)
(Selection 09314-102)

This white wine grape is 97% V. vinifera, has characteristics of Sauvignon Blanc and is highly resistant to Pierce’s Disease after repeated greenhouse evaluations. It has been tested in Temecula, Sonoma and along the Napa River. It has an early bloom and the fruit ripens early. It has small to medium berries and relatively large clusters. It is highly productive. The wines are reminiscent of Sauvignon Blanc and tasting comments have included: light straw to clear color, citrus, lime, tropical, gooseberry golden delicious apple flavors; bright fruit, slightly bitter, textured.

Technical: This variety was bred by Dr. Andrew Walker and is 62.5% Cabernet Sauvignon, 12.5% Carignane, and 12.5% Chardonnay.

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PIERCE’S DISEASE RESISTANT WINEGRAPE
(VITIS VINIFERA)

Caminante Blanc (UC Case No. 2020-048)
(Selection 09338-016)

This white wine grape is 97% V. vinifera and has tested highly resistant to Pierce’s Disease after repeated greenhouse evaluations. Wines have been made from Davis fruit and field trials are underway at Pierce’s Disease hot spots in Ojai and Napa. It has small berries and small compact clusters. It blooms relatively late and ripens mid-season. The vine has medium productivity. UC Davis has made wines from Davis-grown fruit and they have ranked well. Tasting comments include: light straw-gold color, apple-melon, lychee, floral aromas, pineapple, green apple, juicy, harmonious, well-balanced.

Technical: This variety was bred by Dr. Andrew Walker and is 62.5% Cabernet Sauvignon, 12.5% Chardonnay, and 12.5% Carignane.

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