

Product Specifications

Table grapes



Grade: U.S. Fancy Export

U.S. Fancy Export consists of bunches of well developed grapes of one variety, except when designated as assorted varieties, which are at least reasonably well colored, uniform in appearance when so specified in connection with the grade; and are mature, firm, firmly attached to the capstem, not weak, not shriveled at the capstem; and are not shattered, split, crushed or wet.

Bunches shall be fairly well filled, not excessively tight for the variety; stems shall be well developed and strong, not dry and brittle.

Berries shall be free from decay, waterberry, sunburn, Almeria spot, and damage by any other cause and stems shall be free from decay and mold.

Bunches shall not be damaged by shot berries, dried berries, other defective berries, trimming or any other cause.



Size and Weight –

For Thompson Seedless, Perlette, Beauty Seedless, Sugarone, Flame Seedless and other seedless varieties, 75 percent shall be at least ten-sixteenths of an inch; and for other varieties 90 percent shall be at least ten-sixteenths of an inch. Bunches shall weigh not less than one half pound.

Maturity –

Grapes imported from countries outside the United States during periods in which U.S. import regulations do not apply, shall meet minimum percentage of soluble solids as indicated;

- Muscat- 17.5%
- All varieties not listed separately- 16.5%
- Cardinal, Emperor, Perlette, Ribier, Olivette Blanche, Rish Red, Red Malaga, and similar varieties- 15.5%

Definitions –

- “Well developed” means grapes which are not abnormally small for the variety.
- “One variety” means that the grapes show similar varietal characteristics.
- “Uniform in appearance” means that not more than one-tenth of the containers in any lot show sufficient variation in color or size of berries to materially detract from the appearance of the contents of the individual container, and that the stems are well developed and strong.
- “Reasonably well colored” means that for;
 - (1) Black varieties- Each bunch shall have not less than 75%, by count, of berries showing good characteristic color;
 - (2) Red varieties- Each bunch shall have not less than 66-2/3 percent, by count, of berries showing good characteristic color;
 - (3) White varieties- No requirements.
- “Fairly well filled” means that the berries are reasonably closely spaced on main and lateral stems and that the bunch is not loose or stringy.
- “Excessively tight” means that the berries are so wedged together that the bunch is extremely compact for the variety and resulting distorted berries materially detract from the appearance of the bunch.
- “Shot berries” means very small berries resulting from insufficient pollination, usually seedless in those varieties which normally develop seeds.
- “Dried berries” means berries which are dry and shriveled to the extent that practically no moisture is present.
- “Well developed and strong” means that the main and lateral stems are firm, fibrous, and pliable.

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