

I consider the Salem as one of the best. The berry is large and bunch attractive. It yields well and adheres firmly to the bunch. Unfortunately, for the first time after seven years' trial, this grape mildewed with me last summer (1879) and I lost the entire crop.

AGAWAM has fruited eight years and is a desirable grape, but sets sparsely on the bunch, there being an apparent want of pollen in the blossom.

LINDLEY has a nice compact bunch of no great size. The berry is slightly smaller than the preceding, but the vine bears very abundantly and is a good, strong and vigorous grower. I have fruited this variety also for eight years without a failure.

DELAWARE is well known, and has every quality of excellence except size, a desideratum greatly craved after in the fruit line by the multitude. The Delaware will not produce as much weight on the vine as any of the foregoing, as both bunch and berry are small, and, unless an enhanced price is received for it, this grape will not pay so well for market cultivation; nevertheless it is a constant bearer, and the vine, though slender, quickly fills the trellis. To ripen its fruit even and early, some of the bunches should be removed at the time of blossoming.

BLACK GRAPES.

CREVELING, though perhaps not so generally cultivated as Concord, is one of the best black varieties grown; it fruits well, though at times does not set very closely on the bunch. I find this difficulty somewhat obviated by planting near it the Hartford or Concord, as these are very profuse of their pollen. The Creveling is of fine flavor, hangs remarkably well on the bunch, is not pulpy and has a thin skin. For home consumption it is quite superior to Concord and ripens earlier.

CONCORD is probably the best black market grape in cultivation; it gives fine, large, full and well shaped bunches, of uniform