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THE AGAWAM GRAPE.



FOR the dessert dish, nothing is more attractive than a collection of grapes, assorted according to color, and on this account care should be taken in planting to include about an equal quantity of red, white and black varieties. It does not matter whether for home use or for shipping, for the buyers in the large towns also have eyes for the beautiful, and will buy such packages as contain assorted colors sooner than such as have all one color.

Of red varieties, the following list was approved of by the New Jersey Horticultural Society in 1884, in order of excellence: Brighton, Agawam, Delaware, Salem, Catawba, Jefferson and Lindley. Of these, the Brighton is a general favorite, but of too thin a skin to endure a long shipment. In our opinion, the Brighton a delicious grape. The Delaware is tender and sweet; it is usually esteemed to possess the highest quality of any grape, and truly its delicate little berries of diminutive size seem just suited to place before royalty itself. At Chicago, the Delaware was sold in small five-pound baskets, and in three-pound pasteboard boxes, and was in great demand; while, later in the season, the Catawba took the precedence, owing to its keeping qualities; a grape which does not ripen well at the north, except in favored localities.

The Agawam is a seedling grape, raised by E. S. Rogers, of Salem, Mass. The vine is vigorous and productive, but in wet seasons it is liable to mildew, though not as badly as No. 22 (Salem); the bunch is variable in size and shape; berries large, roundish, dark red or maroon; flesh tender, juicy, sweet, with a native musky aroma. This is considered by many one of the best of Rogers'