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## DIAMOND.

(MOORE'S DIAMOND.)



FEW years ago the Niagara grape was introduced with such a flourish of trumpets that several other excellent white grapes of merit, introduced about the same time, were quite obscured for a season. Among these was the Diamond, a grape now coming to its deserved level by reason of its merit. We have purposely shortened the name from Moore's Diamond, by which term it has been generally known, in accordance with our general rule of abbreviating as much as possible the names of varieties. We have for example Moore's Early and Moore's Diamond; is it not better to call the former Moore and the latter Diamond?

Our frontispiece shows a bunch of this grape grown in our experimental plot at Maplehurst in 1901, which is but an average sample. Perhaps the bunches were unusually fine that season, but if it continues to yield such fine and attractive bunches, and to ripen a week in advance of Concord and Niagara, it will command the market for white grapes for that week.

That Diamond is growing in value and is also a suitable variety for the colder sections, is evidenced by its being double starred for Quebec, Ontario, Maine, Massachusetts, New York and Michigan as a desirable variety for planting.

Its origin was at Brighton, N. Y. in 1873, by Mr. Jacob Moore, from seed of Concord, fertilized with Iona; just one year after the Niagara was originated at Lockport.

The vine is vigorous and productive, with foliage much like that of one of its parents, the Concord. The bunch is large, this one measuring  $5\frac{1}{2} \times 3\frac{1}{2}$  inches, compact and shouldered. At the Michigan station, where weights are taken instead of measurements, Diamond is put down as 4 ounces and the Concord a trifle over 5 ounces, a good way of showing comparative size.

The berry is about three quarters of an inch in diameter, and adheres firmly to the stem. It is greenish white in color, yellowing slightly at maturity, pulp tender. Quality, good for desert, superior to the Concord. The Michigan station gives it 8 for quality,