

Esther

Origin: Grape variety of Hungarian origin developed by crossing Eger 2 with Magaracsi Esemegé. It is called Königliche Esther or Royal Esther.

Bud burst period: mid.

Ripening time: very early, about two weeks before Chardonnay.

Viticultural and productive characteristics: Grape variety showing good vigour and providing consistent and abundant crop yields. Medium/large pyramid-shaped loose bunch, with two small wings weighing approximately 350-550 grams. Big ovoid berries with thick dark blue skin; firm crunchy juicy pulp with a pleasant flavour. It shows excellent winter hardiness.



Growing and pruning: It can be grown in different ways but requires significant long pruning.

Disease resistance:

Resistance to Downy mildew Leaves	Resistance to Downy mildew Cluster	Resistance to Powdery Mildew Leaves	Resistance to Powdery Mildew Cluster	Botrytis	Spraying treatments suggested
Very high	Very high	Very high	High	Very high	0 - 2

Wine characteristics:

When vinified, this grape variety offers pleasant, fresh and medium coloured wines, suitable for any stage of a meal as well as an aperitif.

Use and recommendations:

Its early ripening makes it ideal for cold and climatically difficult areas. In autumn leaves are of a wine red colour! These grapes have an excellent sweet taste and few small seeds. They are also recommended in order to make biological juices.