Ripening calendar for seedless grapes

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FEATURES
- Low fertility. Need to prune with high number of buds per vine. Longer canes to be preferred (11-15 buds)
- Extreme temperatures and high humidity during flowering can cause excessive shattering or inadequate fruitset.
- Sensitive to water stress
- Susceptible to Botrytis
- Hard to reach adequate sugar for the market (to take in account for sizing and crop load)
- Low resistance on the vine

Superior Seedless
Superior Seedless

CULTURAL PRACTICES
- Susceptible to browning at harvest.
- To avoid excessive shatter it is important to have vines in balance at flowering
- GA 1ppm @ 100-110% bloom
- Girdling @ 8mm berry size
- GA (8-10ppm) has good sizing effect
- Bunch Trimming after GA

Early Sugar - Prime

FEATURES
- Earliest variety on the market (7-10 days before Superior)
- High fertility and medium-high vigor. Spur/cane pruning
- Highly susceptible to low temperatures and high humidity during flowering and fruitset. (uneven berries).
- Sensitive to cracking during ripening (halffmoon)
- High Cottural Costs
early sugar - prime

CULTURAL PRACTICES
- Absolute important to keep vines with uniform stages
- Leave one bunch per shoot
- Plastic can help to improve uniformity and fruitset
- GA @ 1-1,5ppm at 110% flowering
- Reacts well to GA. Maximum 20ppm GA but prefer lower rates.
  - GA sizing @ 8-10mm berry size
  - GA dipping for young vines (?)

Thompson Seedless

FEATURES
- White grape with a cylindrical berry
- Medium-late. Picked end of August - September
- Very high cultural cost
- Highly sensitive to sunburn
- Highly sensitive to cracking and rot during ripening
- Sensitive to water berry
- Medium to high vigor. Long canes (12 buds) to have good fruitfulness
- Good storage potential (1-1,5 month)
Thompson Seedless

CULTURAL PRACTICES
- 2 to 3 GA thinning sprays (10ppm) at flowering (from 25 to 100%)
- 3 GA sizing sprays (30 - 40 - 40) with 1st at 4-5mm. 2nd and 3rd 5-7 days apart
- 1st sizing spray timing is important. Do not spray too early (uneven berries)
- Sizing girdle if bunch is loose
- Bunch trimming is extremely important
- GA reacts optimally when Thompson is growing actively.
  It is important to maintain a constant growth.
- Not to exceed with vigor (fine tuning)

Sophia Seedless

FEATURES
- White grape. Round berries
- Early-medium
- Very high fertility
- Tendency to have uneven berry size
- Good color and slight muscat flavor
- Good storage potential
- Production under licence of Sunworld International
- Easy to over-ripe on the vine.
  Sensitive to cracking

CULTURAL PRACTICES
- Good sizing response to PGRs. Do not exceed with high GA rates, they will delay the color.
- 8-12ppm GA @ 8mm berry size
- Need pre flowering bunch removal
Autumn Giant

FEATURES
- White variety. Round berries
- Medium-late harvest
- Big bunches with conical shape
- Natural large berries
- High fertility
- Slightly compact bunches
- At harvest AG has pale green berries with neutral flavor (no distinctive taste)
- Good storage potential

CULTURAL PRACTICES
- GA thinning spray at 1ppm at 100% bloom
- No need sizing with PGR

Melissa/Princess

FEATURES
- White variety. Cylindrical berries
- Great taste. One of the best on the market
- Medium-late harvest (as TS)
- High vigor and good fruitfulness
- Medium size bunch with a conical shape.
- Might overshatter in case of excessive vigor and low T during flavoring
- Good size potential
- Might present browning during ripening
- Princess = production under license of CTGC
Melissa/Princess

CULTURAL PRACTICES
- Very important to manage vigor and balance the vine
- With young vines and high vigor girdle at onset of flowering
- In case of really high vigor it is possible to re-open at girdle at sizing time
- To be harvested before starts to browning (not in all conditions)
- Responds well to GA. Do not exceed. Spray 8-12ppm GA at 7-8mm berry size

Regal Seedless

FEATURES
- White variety. Elongated berries
- Very high fertility and high vigor
- Very big bunches with conical shape
- Tendency to uneven fruitset or excessive shatter
- Good natural berry sizing
- In some areas Regal develops astringent taste at ripening
- Susceptible to browning at harvest time (even during

CULTURAL PRACTICES
- Girdle at bloom start with young and vigorous vines. Tip bunches at flowering.
- Do not size girdle to avoid astringent taste. Do not spray high doses of GA
- 4-6 ppm GA + 1-2 ppm CPPU at 6-8mm berry size
- Balance vine vigor
- I bunch per shoot before flowering
Flame Seedless

FEATURES
- Red variety. Round berries
- Early harvest
- High cultural costs
- Susceptible to cracking at harvest time
- Very high fertility. It can be either spur pruned or cane pruned
- Very good taste and good storage potential

CULTURAL PRACTICES
- Remove leaves around bunches before flowering
- 2 thinning sprays at flowering (30% and 80%) at 6-8ppm GA
- 3 sizing sprays for berry sizing with GA.
  1. @5mm berry size. 20ppm
  2. + 5 days. 25 ppm GA
  3. + 5 days. 25 ppm GA size
- Do not spray with CPPU. Berries will have problem to color
- Do not girdle in case there are potential problems with color
RALLI SEEDLESS

- Red variety. Round berries
- It has been propagated from a natural mutation of Superior Seedless
- Equal to Superior except for the skin color
- Seems to accumulate more sugar than Superior
- Color might be an issue in some areas

Crimson Seedless

FEATURES
- Red variety. Cilindrical berries
- Medium-high vigor and medium fruitfulness
- Major variety in many markets
- Very fragile canes (frequent damages during spring)
- High crop loads and big berry size can cause delay in coloring and sugar accumulation

CULTURAL PRACTICES
- 1ppm GA @ 100-110% bloom necessary to have good fruitset
- Do not exceed with GA for sizing, 10-14ppm at 8mm GA
- CPPU at 6-8mm with 4-8ppm. Do not mix with GA. Color issues
- Do not girdle in case of high crop load and areas where there are color issues
- Consider use of coloring agent (Ethephon)
Crimson Seedless

FEATURES
- Black variety. Round berries.
- Early (1wk after Flame)
- Big bunches with a conical shape
- High fruitfullness
- Susceptible to cracking
- Compact bunches
- Naturally large berry size

Summer Royal

CULTURAL PRACTICES
- GA 1ppm thinning spray at 100% bloom
- Trim bunches
- Low GA rates. 5-8ppm at 10-12mm
Scarlotta

FEATURES
- Red variety. Round berries
- Very late variety.
- Very high fruitfulness.
- Big bunches. Conical shape and compact
- Naturally large berries
- Good storage potential
- Production under license of Sunworld International

CULTURAL PRACTICES
- GA thinning spray at bloom. 2ppm GA at 80% flowering.
- Color problems to be verified

Midnight Beauty

FEATURES
- Black variety. Cylindrical berries
- Early harvest
- Very high vigor and good fruitfulness
- MB bunches can overshatter at fruitset in case of excessive vigor
- Susceptible to sunburn during berry growing
- MB can crack at ripening
- Production under license of

CULTURAL PRACTICES
- Good berry sizing response to GA. 8ppm at 8mm berry size.
- Young vines have setting problems
- Tip shoots before flowering in case of excessive vigor
- Do not size girdle if vines are not vigorous
Sable Seedless

**FEATURES**
- Black variety. Round berries
- Cylindric bunch and very compact
- Very high vigor and good fruitfulness.
- Mid-early harvest period
- Great taste
- Small size berries
- To be harvested at high Brix (20)
- Production under license of Sunworld International

**CULTURAL PRACTICES**
- GA thinning spray at bloom. 2 sprays at 1ppm (50 and 90%)
- It’s very hard to size up the berries

Autumn Royal

**FEATURES**
- Black variety. Elongated berries
- Highly vigorous. Great lateral shoot growth
- Late harvest period
- Good fruitfulness but not constant through the years.
- Big bunches with a conical shape
- Naturally large berries
- Susceptible to cracking, in particular at veraison
- High storage potential (4-5 months)

**CULTURAL PRACTICES**
- Thinning spray (GA1,5ppm) at 110% bloom is necessary
- Don’t need high doses of GA for sizing. 6-8ppm @ 10-12mm berries.
- No CPPU. Green ring around the stem
- Bunches need to be trimmed
What’s behind the corner?

Breeding programs in the world (California)
- SNCF (Sheehan Genetics)
- CTGC (California Table Grape Commission)
  - International Fruit (Pandol)
    - Giumarra
    - Sunworld
  - Pristine (Delano Farms)

Seeded grapes

- Seeded grapes in many areas are still the most economically important varieties
- For some aspects seeded grapes are easier to grow than seedless grapes
- Seeded varieties are quickly losing positions on some markets
- New varieties are only seedless
Italia

FEATURES
- White variety. Round to elongated berries
- Medium vigorous. Good fruitfulness.
- Late harvest period
- Strong Muscat taste. Good storage potential
- Big bunches with a conical shape
- Naturally large berries
- Tendency to uneven berry size.
Manually berry thinning sometimes needed

Victoria

FEATURES
- White variety. Elongated berries
- Low vigor. High fruitfulness.
- Early harvest period
- Neutral taste. No storage potential.
- Nice yellow color at harvest
- Big bunches with a conical shape
- Naturally large berries
- Tendency to shot berries with cold temperatures during flowering. Manually berry thinning sometimes needed
Redglobe

FEATURES
- Red variety. Round to elongated berries
- Successfull variety. Spread all over grape growing area.
- Medium to high vigor. Good fruitfulness.
- Late harvest period
- Neutral flavor. Good storage potential
- Large bunches with a conical shape.
- Naturally large berries (>28mm)
- Responds well to GA sizing (@15mm) and also CPPU. 10-15ppm GA + 2-5ppm CPPU. Consider color problems
- Do not girdle. Very sensitive to sunburn.

Black Pearl

FEATURES
- Black variety. Round to elongated berries
- Medium to high vigor. Good fruitfulness.
- Late harvest period
- Neutral flavor. Very good storage potential
- Large bunches with a conical shape.
- Naturally large berries
- Very sensitive to sunburn.
Local Varieties

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