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## Scarlet Royal: A New Mid-season Red Table Grape



Scarlet Royal (US Plant Patent 16,229\*) is a mid-season red seedless table grape developed by David Ramming and Ronald Tarailo of the USDA-ARS in Parlier, California. The cultivar, formerly known as B1, was released in 2006 and resulted from the cross of two red seedless USDA selections C33-30 x C51-63. The parentage of Scarlet Royal includes Blackrose, Calmeria, Cardinal, Crimson Seedless, Divizich Early, Italia, Maraville, Muscat of Alexandria, Sultanina and Tafafihi Ahmur. The cultivar produces large (1.5 lb.), conical-shaped clusters that are medium to well filled. Berries are oval in shape and its appearance is similar to Crimson Seedless. Natural Scarlet Royal berries weigh about 5-7 grams, though berry weight and size is slightly increased when fruit is treated with gibberellic acid. The flesh is firm and meaty and the skin is medium to thick. The flavor is described as sweet and neutral. Scarlet Royal ripens mid-to-late August, filling the harvest window between Flame Seedless and Crimson Seedless. The commercial appeal of Scarlet Royal rests on its large berry size and superior coloration. There are approximately 2,500 acres of Scarlet Royal in commercial production in California and it's certain to show up in local supermarkets soon. More information on cultural practices to produce Scarlet Royal and other table grape varieties can be found at <http://cekern.ucdavis.edu>.

\* *Scarlet Royal is exclusively licensed to the California Table Grape Commission and inquiries regarding availability of Scarlet Royal should be addressed to the commission at 392 W. Fallbrook, Suite 101, Fresno, CA 93711-6150. ■*