

Take your pick of a bunch of grape varieties

AP — Grape Scott! According to a recent survey, kids prefer grapes over such snack foods as potato chips, brownies and pretzels. Some even go so far as to say that grapes are their favorite fruit. What's more, grapes make a very kid-friendly snack for lunch bags or after-school treats, no matter what time of year.

Grapes weren't always so available, but thanks to the overlapping growing seasons of different varieties, they're now in our markets all year long. Although your family may be most familiar with the green Thompson Seedless, you may want to try some of the other seedless and seed-in varieties when they reach your produce

department. These varieties are classified by color: green (or white), red, or blue-black. **Green grapes**
Perlette: The first grape of each season, Perlette, is the hardiest of California's major grape varieties. It is marble-round, with an almost frosty green, translucent

cast, hence the French name that means "white pearl." It is available from May to July.
Thompson Seedless: A light-green, oblong-shaped grape that's sweet and juicy. It is available from June to November.
Calmeria: Called the "Indy-linger" because of its elongated, light-green and delicately sculptured berries, Calmeria grapes follow the Thompson seedless harvest, extending availability of green grapes throughout most of the winter. It is available from October to February.

Red grapes
Flama Seedless: This recent introduction is the result of a cross of the popular Thompson, Cardinal and other varieties. It has rapidly grown to be the second most popular variety after Thompson Seedless. It is available from mid-June to October.
Queen: Regal clusters and a very smooth-textured berry give weight to the royal name of this variety. Individual berries are large and uniformly reddish-pink in color. Queens have a mild flavor. They are available from August to September.

Tokay: This variety is also called the "flame" Tokay for its brilliant, reddish-orange berries. Only 10 to 16 percent are sold fresh. The remaining grapes are crushed for brandy or wine. The Tokay is available from September to October.
Ruby Seedless: The Ruby is brilliant red with an above-average sweetness. It freezes well, which makes it a good choice for frozen prepared food products. The Ruby Seedless is available from August to January.

Emporer: The Emporer is a winter holiday favorite because of its large, reddish-to-purple clusters. The Emporer is available from late September to February.
Red Globs: The Red Globs is a new variety that has become a favorite of Asian consumers, who prize the large, plum-sized berries. The large, lush bunches of fruit contain large red seeded berries that are used for eating and for decorating during the holiday season. The Red Globs is available from September to January.
Christmas Rose: This newcomer is a cross between four older varieties. It is a grape that matures early, in mid-August.

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inches high (not a springform pan.) Press crumb mixture into bottom of pan and shake on sides to coat.
With an electric mixer, beat cream cheese with remaining sugar until smooth. Add eggs one at a time, beating well after each addition. Add vanilla, lemon juice and

sour cream, beating until mixture is smooth. Pour cream cheese mixture over crust. Place cake pan in another large, deep pan. Pour water around cake pan to a depth of about 1½ inches. Bake in a 300 degree oven for 2 hours or until center is set.

When cake is baked, chill several hours or overnight in refrigerator. To remove cake from pan, place cake on a burner that has been heated and turned off, for one minute. Carefully turn cake out onto a 10-inch plate and then turn it right-side-up onto serving plate.

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of Mothers Against Drunk Driving, Oakland County Chapter, and MADD isn't against people drinking, just drinking and driving.
"We work in conjunction with First Night in Birmingham, and AAA to try to advocate alternate outings on New Year's Eve. Make it a family outing and set an example by not drinking. Have a theme party and make non-alcoholic drinks. Add a candy cane to the glass so people won't feel like they're missing something. Make drinks exciting."

First Night Entertainment sites. Children under 5 are free. For information, call 640-6588.
If you do plan to drink on New Year's Eve, McNeill encourages people to make arrangements for a designated driver. "People need to look ahead and consider the consequences of drinking and driving. If you do drink and haven't made arrangements for a driver, you can call our hot line for a free cab ride. It will be operating 9 p.m. New Year's Eve to 5 a.m. New Year's Day. Call 353-1993."

are some things to consider. When you are at a party, know what you are drinking. Holiday punches and egg nog often have a higher alcohol content than beer or wine.
Offer plenty of foods high in protein and carbohydrates, such as cheese, cookies, pastry, pasta, and nuts which help retard the absorption of alcohol into the bloodstream.
Serve alternative beverages such as non-alcoholic beers, non-alcoholic champagnes, and wines, fruit juices, and mineral water.
Fruity frozen ice cubes add a festive touch to drinks and punches. Freeze pieces of fruit in ice cube trays with water or fruit juice and add as special holiday gems to "on-the-rock" beverages.
Stop serving alcohol at least an hour before the party is to end.
See alcohol free drink recipes inside.

First Night in Birmingham is an alcohol-free festival of the arts the whole family can enjoy on New Year's Eve. It begins at 4 p.m. and ends at 11:30 p.m. with a midnight celebration in Shain Park.
First Night admission buttons are \$7 and allow you access to

"Last year 11 people were killed in 11 crashes in Michigan during the Christmas and New Year's period," said Jerry Basch, AAA Michigan Community Safety Services manager. "Half of those fatal crashes involved alcohol."
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