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(54) **GRAPEVINE ‘SHEEGENE-17’**

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(57) **ABSTRACT**

A new and distinct variety of grapevine characterized by the  
production of medium, green-colored seedless grapes that  
mature in late August when grown in the San Joaquin Valley  
of Central California. The grapes of this new variety are  
produced on strong woody stems and branches and are well  
adapted to commercial handling.

**1 Drawing Sheet**

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Latin name of the genius and species of the plant claimed:  
The claimed plant relates to a new and distinct variety of  
*Vitis vinifera* to be known as ‘Sheegene-17’.

CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED  
APPLICATIONS

The claimed plant is not subject of a related application.

STATEMENT OF ANY  
FEDERALLY-SPONSORED RESEARCH AND  
DEVELOPMENT

The claimed plant is not subject of Federally-sponsored  
research or development.

VARIETY DENOMINATION

The new variety of *Vitis vinifera* is the result of hybrid-  
ization of ‘Princess’ (unpatented), the pollen parent, and  
‘Red Globe’ (U.S. Plant Pat. No. 4,787), the seed parent. The  
new variety was first hybridized by Timothy P. Sheehan in  
the Spring of 2000. The new variety was asexually propagated  
in the dormant season of 2003, grafted on virus-free root-  
stock in a *Vitis vinifera* variety block located East of Fowler,  
Calif. The new variety was planted as rooted cuttings in the  
dormant season of 2006 in a *Vitis vinifera* variety block  
located several miles South of McFarland, Calif. The new  
variety produces a medium, green-colored seedless grape

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with a sweet flavor. The new variety has been shown to  
maintain its distinguishing characteristics through asexual  
propagation.

The new variety is distinguished from its pollen parent,  
5 ‘Princess’ (unpatented), in that the new variety produces  
green-colored seedless grapes, as compared to the white-  
colored seedless grapes produced by its pollen parent, ‘Prin-  
cess’ (unpatented). The new variety is distinguished from its  
seed parent, ‘Red Globe’ (U.S. Plant Pat. No. 4,787), in that  
10 the new variety produces medium sized green-colored seed-  
less grapes, as compared to its seed parent, ‘Red Globe’  
(U.S. Plant Pat. No. 4,787), that produces exceptionally  
large red-colored seeded grapes.

15 **BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION**

The present invention relates to a new and distinct variety  
of grapevine that produces a medium, green-colored seed-  
less grape that matures in late August when grown in the San  
Joaquin Valley of Central California.

**SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION**

25 The ‘Sheegene-17’ grapevine is characterized by produc-  
ing a medium, green-colored seedless grape that has a sweet  
flavor and it is productive and mature for harvesting and  
shipment in late August when grown in the San Joaquin  
Valley of Central California. The new variety can be com-  
pared to ‘Thompson Seedless’ (unpatented) but the grapes

produced by the new variety are larger and mature two to three weeks later, among other distinguishing characteristics.

#### BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

The accompanying drawing is a color photograph of the new variety of grapevine displaying leaves, tendrils, shoots, mature grapes, late berry cluster, mature berry cluster, and four grapes cut in half.

Across the top portion of the photograph is a late berry cluster with a young shoot to the right of the cluster.

Directly below the cluster and to the left is an immature shoot with leaves.

At the center of the photograph is a mature berry cluster with a mature cane and nodes to the right of the cluster.

Just below the mature berry cluster are four grapes cut longitudinally and horizontally displaying the heart and pulp.

Below the cut grapes are leaves displaying the upper and lower surfaces.

#### DETAILED BOTANICAL DESCRIPTION

Referring more to the horticultural description of the new and distinct variety of grapevine, the following has been observed under the ecological conditions prevailing at the origin vineyard located near McFarland, Calif., in the San Joaquin Valley of Central California. All major color descriptions are by reference to the Dictionary of Color by Maerz & Paul, First Edition, published in 1930. Common colors names are also used in several instances.

##### Vine:

*Size*.—Medium for a seven year-old vine.

*Vigor*.—Very good.

*Chilling requirements*.—Normal for grapevines in the lower San Joaquin Valley of Central California.

*Productive capacity*.—Very good.

*Regularity of bearing*.—Regular.

##### Trunk:

*Size*.—Medium; 8 inches [20.32 cm] in circumference, 15 inches [38.10 cm] above ground (5 year old wood).

*Surface texture*.—Rough and shaggy.

*Color of bark*.—P1.3 G9 Kaffa Hampshire Brown (5 year old wood).

*Mature cane color*.—P1.7 L8 Mauve Taupe Copra (8 to 12 month old wood).

*Nodes*.—Four on cane.

*Length between nodes*.—4 inches [10.16 cm].

*Shoot length*.—6 to 6.5 inches [15.24 to 16.51 cm].

*Shoot habit*.—Droopy.

*Tendrils number/location*.—Single at node.

*Tendrils length*.—1.5 to 3.75 inches [3.81 to 9.53 cm].

*Tendrils locale*.—At nodes.

*Tendrils form*.—Bifurcate.

*Tendrils texture*.—Firm.

*Bud shape*.—Convex.

*Bud size*.—0.24 to 0.28 inches [6 to 7 mm] wide; 0.24 to 0.28 inches [6 to 7 mm] long.

*Bud fruitfulness*.—Very good.

##### Branches:

*Size*.—Medium.

*Cordons*.—26.5 inches [67.31 cm] on one side of trunk; 30.0 inches [76.20 cm] on the other side of trunk.

*Surface texture*.—Slightly rough.

*Color (one year or older branches)*.—P1.6 K9 Havana Rose.

*Color (immature branches)*.—P1.19 K6 Piquant gr.

##### Leaves:

*Size*.—Medium.

*Density*.—Dense.

*Average length*.—3.75 to 5.25 inches [9.53 to 13.34 cm].

*Average width*.—5.00 to 6.5 inches [12.70 to 16.51 cm].

*Form*.—Pentagonal.

*Texture (upper surface)*.—Smooth.

*Texture (lower surface)*.—Slightly rough.

*Color (upwardly disposed surface)*.—P1.23 J8 Mt. Vernon gr.

*Color (downwardly disposed surface)*.—P1.21 K8 Teak fern.

*Color (leaf vein)*.—P1.17 L3 Endive.

*Marginal form*.—Toothed.

*Leaf margin*.—Slightly undulate.

*Leaf vein thickness*.—0.08 inches [2 mm].

*Stem glands*.—None.

*Petiole size*.—Moderate.

*Petiole length*.—2.75 to 5.25 inches [6.99 to 13.34 cm].

*Petiole thickness*.—0.12 inches [3 mm].

*Petiole color*.—P1.6 L8 Dark Cardinal Rose Lustre.

*Stem glands*.—None.

*Stipules*.—None.

*Lobes (average)*.—Five.

*Stipules*.—None.

*Tooth size*.—0.31 to 0.39 inches [8 to 10 mm] in width; 0.31 inches [8 mm] in length.

*Tooth number*.—7 to 14 per lobe.

*Tooth shape*.—Convex.

##### Inflorescence:

*Size*.—8.00 to 9.00 inches [20.32 to 22.86 cm] in length.

*Number borne per spur*.—Two.

*Number borne per vine*.—Thirty.

##### Flowers:

*Flower buds (size)*.—Small.

*Flower buds (surface)*.—Glabrous.

*Flower buds (quantity)*.—Moderate.

*Date of bloom*.—Apr. 15, 2007.

*Date of full bloom*.—Apr. 21, 2007.

*Size of bloom*.—0.20 to 0.24 inches [5 to 6 mm].

*Calyptra (flower cap) color*.—P1.19 D2 Reed.

*Berry color*.—P1.18 E6 Oriental Tiber gr.

*Petals size*.—0.08 to 0.12 inches [2 to 3 mm].

*Stamen (anther) color*.—P1.17 B1 cream color to yellowish brown.

*Date of first visible berries*.—May 1, 2007.

##### Fruit:

*Solids*.—16.9 Brix.

*Acids*.—0.61.

*Sugar/acid ratio*.—27.7.

*Juice pH*.—3.51.

*Seeds*.—None.

*Rudimentary seed structures*.—One to two.

*Capstem pedicel*.—0.24 to 0.39 inches [6 to 10 mm].

*Berry weight*.—5.68 grams (0.20 oz).

*Cluster size*.—Medium.

*Cluster average length (not including stem)*.—10 inches [25.40 cm].

*Cluster average diameter*.—6.25 inches [15.88 cm].

*Cluster average weight*.—965.6 grams (34.06 oz).

*Cluster density*.—Compact.  
*Cluster form*.—Conical.  
*Stem (length)*.—1.5 inches (3.81 cm).  
*Stem caliper*.—0.28 inches [7 mm].  
*Berry size*.—Medium.  
*Berry form*.—Ovate.  
*Berry numbers (average)*.—Approximately 166 berries per bunch.  
*Berry size (average dimension along longitudinal axis)*.—0.91 to 1.14 inches [26 to 29 mm].  
*Berry size (average dimension along transverse axis)*.—0.83 to 0.91 inches [21 to 23 mm].  
 Skin:  
*Skin thickness*.—Medium.  
*Texture*.—Semi-tough.  
*Tendency to crack*.—Slight.  
*Ground color*.—P1.19 C6 Pistachio gr. Pistache.  
*Pulp color*.—P1.19 C6 Pistachio gr.  
*Lenticels*.—None.

Flesh:  
*Flesh color*.—From P1.19 C16 Pistachio gr. Pistache.  
*Juice production*.—Moderate.  
*Flavor*.—Very good.  
*Aroma*.—Very mild.  
*Texture*.—Firm.  
*Ripening*.—Even.  
*Eating quality*.—Very good.  
*Use*.—Fresh market.  
*Keeping quality*.—Good.  
*Resistance to disease*.—Unknown.  
*Harvesting*.—Late August in the San Joaquin Valley of Central California.  
*Shipping and handling qualities*.—Very good.  
 The invention claimed is:  
 1. A new and distinct variety of grapevine substantially as described and illustrated herein, characterized principally by its production of medium, green-colored seedless grapes that mature two to three weeks later than 'Thompson Seedless' (unpatented) which is somewhat resembles.

