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(54) **BLACKBERRY PLANT NAMED**  
**‘DRISBLACKTEN’**

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Varietal Denomination: **DrisBlackTen**

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(57) **ABSTRACT**

This invention relates to a new and distinct variety of black-  
berry plant named ‘DrisBlackTen’, particularly characterized  
by high productivity, large, black berries and self-fruitful  
plants, is disclosed.

**2 Drawing Sheets**

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Genus and species: *Rubus* L. subgenus *Rubus*.  
Variety denomination: ‘DrisBlackTen’.

#### BACKGROUND OF THE NEW PLANT

The present invention relates to a new and distinct black-  
berry cultivar designated ‘DrisBlackTen’ and botanically  
known as *Rubus* L. subgenus *Rubus*. This new blackberry  
variety was identified in Santa Cruz County, Calif. in Sep-  
tember 2006 and originated from a cross between the propi-  
etary female parent blackberry plant ‘BK294 (460G1)’ (un-  
patented) and the proprietary male parent blackberry plant  
‘APF40’ (unpatented). The original seedling of the new cul-  
tivar was first asexually propagated by tissue culture and root  
cuttings at a nursery in Santa Cruz County, Calif. ‘DrisBlack-  
Ten’ was subsequently asexually propagated by tissue culture  
and root cuttings and underwent further testing at a nursery in  
Santa Cruz County, Calif. from 2006 to 2011. The present  
invention has been found to be stable and reproduce true to  
type through successive asexual propagations.

Plant Breeder’s Rights for this variety have not been  
applied for. ‘DrisBlackTen’ has not been made publicly avail-  
able or sold anywhere in the world more than one year prior to  
the filing date of this application.

#### SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

The following are the most outstanding and distinguishing  
characteristics of this new cultivar when grown under normal  
horticultural practices in Santa Cruz County, Calif.

1. High productivity;
2. Large, black berries; and
3. Self-fruitful plants.

#### DESCRIPTION OF THE PHOTOGRAPHS

This new blackberry plant is illustrated by the accompany-  
ing photographs which show the plant’s canes, flowers, fruit,

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and leaves. The colors shown are as true as can be reasonably  
obtained by conventional photographic procedures. The pho-  
tographs are of plants that are 2 years old.

FIG. 1 shows a section of a young cane with spines.

FIG. 2 shows the flowers at various stages.

FIG. 3 shows the fruit at various stages

FIG. 4 shows the upper and lower surfaces of the leaves.

#### DESCRIPTION OF THE NEW VARIETY

The following descriptions of ‘DrisBlackTen’ are based on  
observations made in Santa Cruz County, Calif. on 2-year old  
plants. This description is in accordance with UPOV termi-  
nology. Color designations, color descriptions, and other phe-  
notypical descriptions may deviate from the stated values and  
descriptions depending upon variation in environmental, sea-  
sonal, climatic and cultural conditions. ‘DrisBlackTen’ has  
not been observed under all possible environmental condi-  
tions. Color terminology follows The Royal Horticultural  
Society Colour Chart, London (R.H.S.) (2007 edition).  
Descriptive terminology is from the *Plant Identification Ter-  
minology, An Illustrated Glossary 2<sup>nd</sup>* edition, by James G.  
Harris and Melinda Woolf Harris, unless where otherwise  
defined.

#### DETAILED BOTANICAL DESCRIPTION

Classification:

*Family*.—Rosaceae.

*Botanical*.—*Rubus* L. subgenus *Rubus*.

*Common name*.—Blackberry.

*Variety name*.—‘DrisBlackTen’.

Parentage:

*Female parent*.—Proprietary blackberry plant named  
‘BK294 (460G1)’ (unpatented).

*Male parent*.—Proprietary blackberry plant named  
‘APF40’ (unpatented).

## Plant:

*Vigor*.—Medium.  
*Growth habit*.—Upright to semi-upright.  
*Productivity*.—High.  
*Propagation*.—Tissue culture and root cuttings.  
*Self-fruitfulness*.—Self-fruitful.  
*Time of bud burst*.—Late.

## Canes:

*Fruiting lateral length* (4<sup>th</sup> lateral from tip).—Short to medium; 31.8 cm.  
*Number of fruit per lateral*.—10.3.  
*Fruiting on current year's cane*.—Present.  
*Cane internodal distance*.—4.4 cm.  
*Number of new canes during flowering*.—Medium.  
*New cane strength* (observed full-grown shoot after picking).—Strong.  
*Glaucosity observed on full-grown shoot after picking*.—Weak.  
*Young shoots*.—Quantity: Medium. Time of emergence from soil: Early. Anthocyanin coloration (during rapid growth): Very strong; RHS 59A (Dark red-purple). Intensity of green color: Medium; RHS 144B (Medium yellow-green). Number of glandular hairs: Many.  
*Dormant cane*.—Length: Medium; 10.2 feet. Diameter (in central third): Medium; 9.68 mm. Cross section (from mid cane observed at end of first growing season): Angular. Color: RHS 144B (Medium yellow-green) and RHS 59A (Dark red-purple). Number of branches: Medium; Avg. 7.8. Distribution of branches: Over whole length. Anthocyanin coloration: Medium; RHS 59A (Dark red-purple). Spines: Number of spines: Many; 29. Size: Medium to large; 9.11 mm. Color: RHS 144A (Medium yellow-green). Density (on central third of cane): Medium. Texture: Medium to heavy. Attitude of apex in relation to cane: Downwards.

## Leaves:

*Type*.—Odd-pinnate.  
*Predominant number of leaflets*.—Three.  
*Overlapping or relative position of lateral leaflets*.—Touching.  
*Color*.—Upper surface: Dark; RHS 147A (Dark yellow-green). Lower surface: Light to medium; RHS 146A (Medium yellow-green).  
*Glossiness of upper side*.—Weak.  
*Cross section profile*.—Concave (margins rolled inwards).  
*Leaflets*.—Shape: Oval. Margin: Doubly serrate. Depth of incisions: Medium. Type of incision margin: Bisserrate. Apex: Truncate. Base: Obtuse. Rachis length between terminal leaflet and adjacent lateral leaflet: 7.6 mm.  
*Lateral leaflet (basal pair)*.—Length: 60.1 mm. Width: 38.2 mm. Length/width ratio: 1.6.  
*Terminal leaflet*.—Length: Medium to long; 87.2 mm. Width: Medium; 56.2 mm. Length/width ratio: 1.6. Lobing: Absent. Undulation of margin (rippling of margin): Weak to medium. Blistering between veins (rugosity): Medium. Shape: Oval to slightly ovate. Tip: Truncate. Base: Obtuse. Margin: Doubly serrate. Cross-section: U-shaped.  
*Petiole*.—Length: 1.2 cm. Diameter: 1.3 mm. Pigmentation: Upper surface: Medium; RHS 146B (Medium yellow-green). Lower surface: Medium; RHS 146D (Medium yellow-green).  
*Stipule*.—Size: Small. Orientation: Erect.

## Inflorescence:

*Time of beginning of flowering on previous year's cane*.—Early.  
*Time of beginning of flowering on current year's cane*.—Very late.  
*Flower diameter*.—Large; 43.89 mm.  
*Flower number* (at 3<sup>rd</sup> node from tip of lateral).—7.  
*Petal*.—Length: 23.83 mm. Width: 14.12 mm. Length/width ratio: 1.7. Color: RHS NN158B (White).  
*Pedicel*.—Length: 27.33 mm. Diameter: 1.31 mm.  
 Fruit:  
*Time of ripening on previous year's cane*.—Early.  
*Time of ripening on current year's cane*.—Very late.  
*Harvest interval*.—Mid-September to mid-November.  
*Color*.—Immature: RHS 144A (Medium yellow-green). Maturing: RHS 46A (Dark red). Mature: RHS 203B (Black).  
*Glossiness*.—Medium.  
*Shape in longitudinal section*.—Medium ovate.  
*Size*.—Large.  
*Length*.—Medium; 27.44 mm.  
*Width*.—Medium to broad; 21.31 mm.  
*Ratio of length to width*.—Medium; 1.3.  
*Weight (g/fruit)*.—2.6774 g.  
*Soluble solids (%) (in Brix)*.—10.8.  
*Titrateable acidity*.—(% as citric acid).—1.1.  
*Seed weight (g/seed)*.—0.0029.  
*Number of drupelets/fruit*.—Medium; 91.  
*Size of drupelet*.—Medium.  
*Firmness*.—Medium.  
*Yield*.—Low to medium.  
 Disease, pest, and stress resistance: Not tested.

COMPARISON WITH PARENTAL AND  
COMMERCIAL VARIETIES

'DrisBlackTen' differs from the proprietary female parent 'BK294 (460G1)' (unpatented) in that 'DrisBlackTen' has better flavour and firmer, larger fruit than 'BK294 (460G1)'. Additionally, 'DrisBlackTen' is much less susceptible to red berry mite than 'BK294 (460G1)'.

'DrisBlackTen' differs from the proprietary male parent 'APF40' (unpatented) in that 'DrisBlackTen' has slightly larger fruit than 'APF40'.

'DrisBlackTen' differs from the commercial variety 'Driscoll Carmel' (U.S. Plant Pat. No. 15,058) in that 'DrisBlackTen' has an upright to semi-upright growth habit and has three leaflets, whereas 'Driscoll Carmel' has a semi-erect growth habit and usually has five leaflets. Additionally, 'DrisBlackTen' has medium glossy, large sized fruit, whereas 'Driscoll Carmel' has strongly glossy, medium sized fruit.

'DrisBlackTen' differs from commercial variety 'Driscoll Eureka' (U.S. Plant Pat. No. 14,765) in that 'DrisBlackTen' has an upright to semi-upright growth habit and a late time of bud burst, whereas 'Driscoll Eureka' has a semi-erect growth habit and an early time of bud burst. Additionally, 'DrisBlackTen' has medium glossy, large sized fruit, whereas 'Driscoll Eureka' has strongly glossy, medium sized fruit.

## We claim:

1. A new and distinct variety of blackberry plant named 'DrisBlackTen' as described and shown herein.

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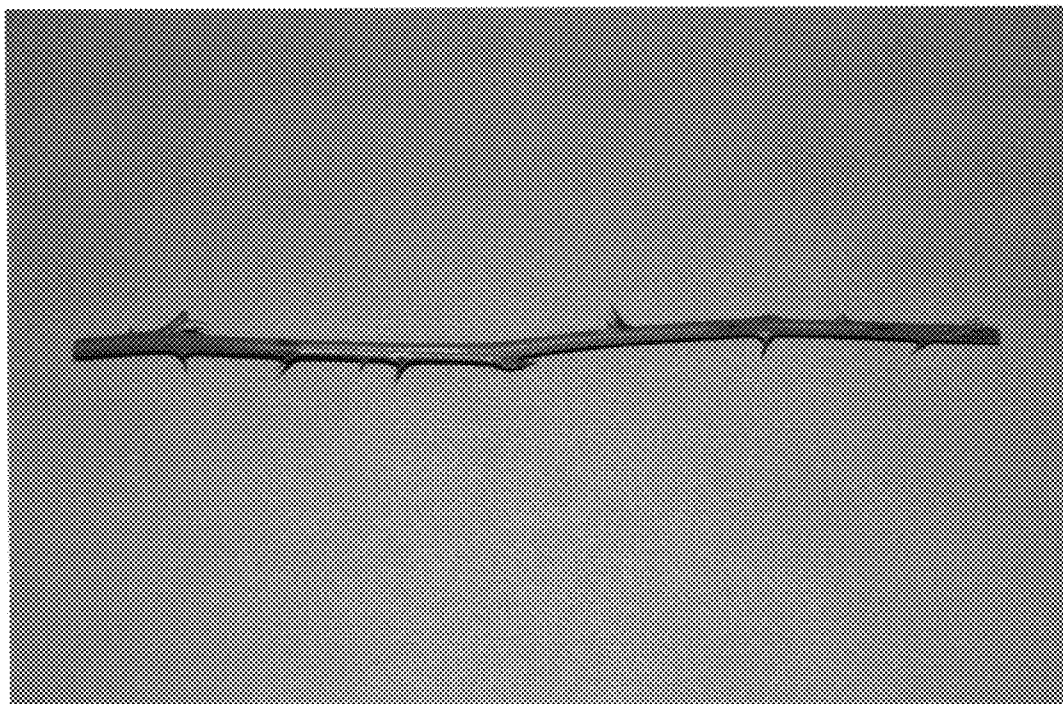


FIG. 1

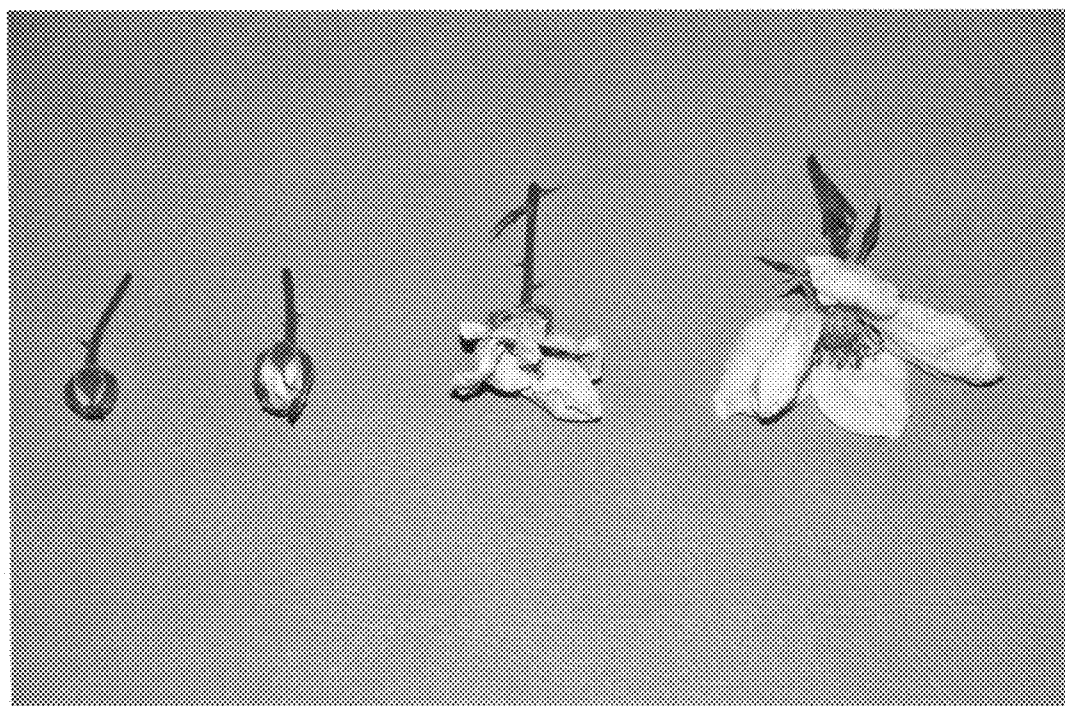


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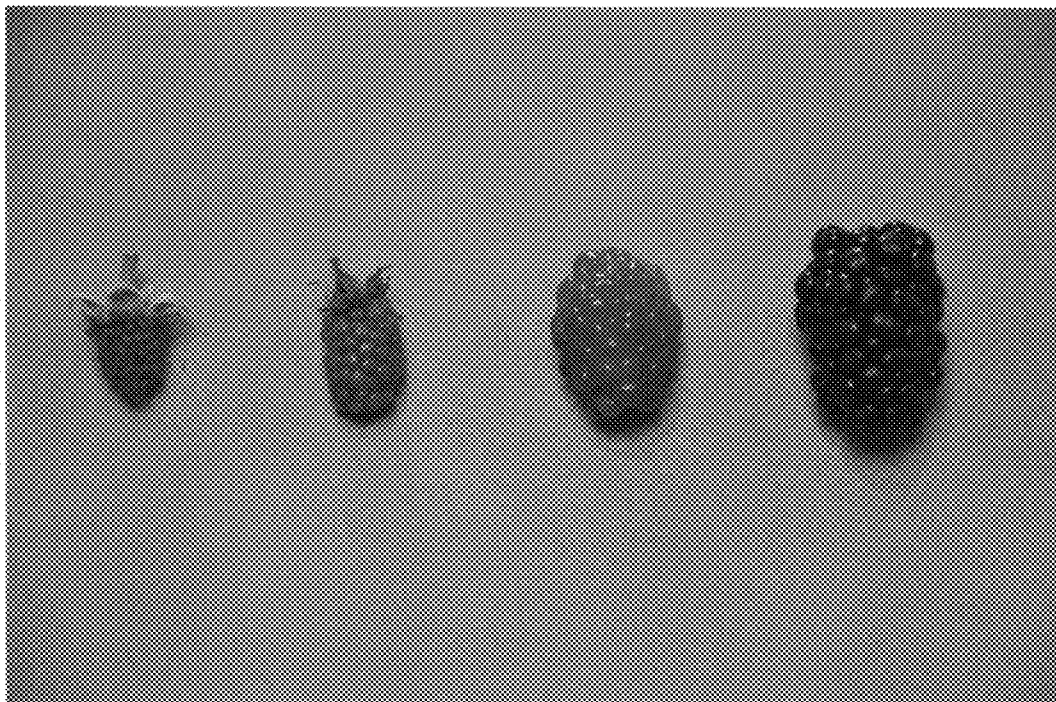


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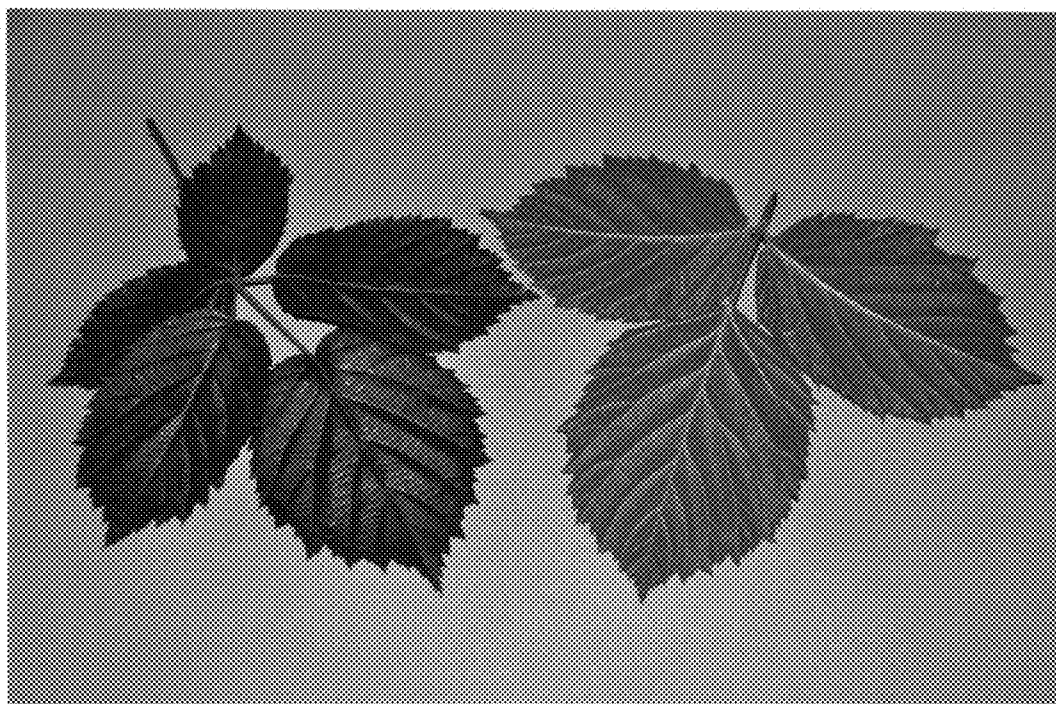


FIG. 4