

## CULTIVAR PROFILE

### Traminette (tram-e-NET)

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Joannes Seyve 23.416 X Gewürztraminer  
French-American Cross *Vitis vinifera*

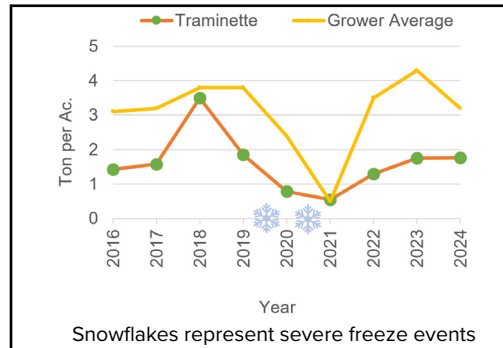
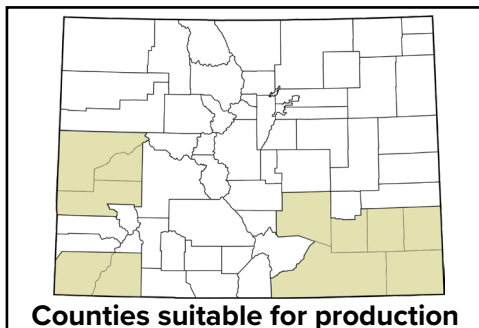
Commercially released 1996 by Cornell-Geneva Grapevine Breeding program, NY, USA

#### Descriptor

Traminette, which was derived from Gewürztraminer, is the signature wine of Indiana and has become popular in multiple Mid-Atlantic states. Leaves have three shallow lobes with mild sawtoothing and clusters are large, moderately loose, and turn gold as they ripen. Its cold hardiness and looser cluster architecture make this variety an attractive alternative to its European parent.

#### Growing Practices

Traminette has an upright growing habit and is a very vigorous so high wire or divided systems like Geneva double curtain are recommended to control vigor. Canes frequently have two clusters per shoot and lateral shoots are not fruitful. This variety is tolerant of phylloxera, so grafting is not necessary. Traminette is moderately resistant to powdery mildew and is not sensitive to sulfur, allowing for very simple spray programs.



#### Concerns

Vines are very disease resistant so there are limited pest concerns for this variety in Colorado<sup>1</sup>. While grafting is not required, it is not recommended in very fertile soils for vigor control<sup>2</sup>.

#### Colorado Research

Traminette has been tested in three different CSU test plots since 2004, the Rogers Mesa station, and in two off-site, grower/collaborator locations, one in Clifton and one in Ft. Collins. The vines have weathered two extreme frost events in Grand Junction, with less than 50% vines surviving since planting and multiple extreme frost events in Ft. Collins with 50% vines surviving. At the Rogers Mesa site vine survival was 100 % even after multiple extreme cold events. Young trunks are sensitive to cold damage, but older trunks appear to be very cold hardy.

#### References

- 1 Dami, I. 2023. Ohio State University Extension ANR-0138.
- 2 Reisch, B., et. al. 1997. Hort Science 32: 152-153



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#### Grand Valley Growth Profile

- Medium budbreak
- Mid-season ripening
- Sep 16<sup>th</sup> harvest
- 1.5 ton/ac average yield
- Medium cluster size

#### Cold Hardiness

- -15 to -24 °F

#### Flavors

- Gewürztraminer-esque
- Baking spices, floral

#### Juice Metrics

- 25.8 Brix
- 6.7 q/l titratable acidity
- 3.2 pH



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