Grape ‘Reliance’  
(*Vitis labrusca* hybrid)

Woody, deciduous, tendril-climbing vine. 15-20’ long unless pruned shorter.

A seedless grape hybrid grape hybrid variety (*V. ‘Ontario’ x V. ‘Suffolk Red’) developed in 1965. Both parents contain the flavorful *Vitis labrusca*, which is native to New England woodlands, fencerows, thickets.

Bold, three-lobed, green leaves.

Panicles of fragrant, greenish flowers in spring.

Large clusters of showy medium-sized, pinkish-red grapes ripen in early mid-season. Grapes have a sweet Labrusca flavor.

Shaggy, twisted trunk & branching, ornamental in winter.

Full sun.  
Deep, loamy, well-drained soils. Moist soil preferable for fruit, but tolerates moderately dry soil.  
Shelter from winter winds (preferably on a Southern facing slope, wall, exposure) away from frost pockets.

Best fruiting from growth originating from 1 yr old canes, so cut back most but not all of the previous season’s growth, leaving 6” sections from which new growth will spring.

Considered a good grape for juices, jams, jellies, raisins.

Grow on fences, walls, trellises, arbors, etc. Quite attractive year-round. Provides good cover, screening, or shade to areas around the home.

Photo 1:  Cooperative Extension at Highmoor Farm  
extension.umaine.edu/highmoor/research/ 
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Photo 2:  Seedless Grapes  
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