



FACT SHEET

Honey Punch

Breeder	Zaiger's Inc. Genetics
Selection Number	20M416
Fruit Kind	Inter-specific Plum
Variety Owner South Africa	Zaiger SA
Managing Agent	Custom Plum Company
Date of Entry South Africa	2011
Marketing Restrictions	Restrictions Apply
PBR	Registered
Tree Royalty Structure	\$1/tree on planting
Other	

Tree Characteristics

Chilling Requirement	Medium 400-450 Richardson
Growth Habit	Semi-upright
Vigour	Medium Vigour
Flowering date	Full Bloom Week 38- Week 39 in warm areas
Bears fruit on	Two-year-old wood and spurs
Other	

Other remarks:

Very high fruit set so early thinning is required. Only an early natural fruit drop have been experienced. Trees can easily handle high yields and still produce the optimum fruit size of AA. The trees have big flowers with much pollen, so they set fruit easily but is also an excellent pollinator because of the high concentration of pollen it produces. Due to high yields, summer pruning needs to be done very early to ensure regrowth; otherwise, being a dark coloured fruit, sunburn can become a problem. Following a proper fertiliser program is recommended to assist and optimise high yields. As a dark coloured fruit, irrigation management needs to be optimum, especially during warm days and heatwaves to minimise potential quality problems.

Pollination

Flowering date: 10%	10% Flowering in warm areas Week 35 10% Flowering in colder areas Week 37
Pollinator 1	Fortune- First to Mid Flowers
Pollinator 2	Sunkiss- Mid to Late Flowers
Pollinator 3	Flavour Fall-Mid to late Flowers
% Pollination required	25-30%

Production Characteristics

Harvest date warm areas	Week 3-5
Harvest date colder areas	Week 4-6
Control Variety	Laetitia

Sizing:	AA +
Skin Colour:	Dark Red
Flesh Colour:	Red
Fruit Shape:	Round
Texture:	Melting but firm
Storage ability:	TBC

Production:

Excellent, but bearing units needs to be renewed 25% per annum. It is best to harvest the fruit at cooler temperatures to avoid any potential quality problems, so early mornings until the temperature becomes a risk is recommended.

Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4 onwards for life of orchard
\$0	\$0	\$750/ha	\$950/ha