



THE CUSTOM
plum
COMPANY



FACT SHEET

Sunset Delight

Breeder	Zaiger's Inc. Genetics
Selection Number	50 ME 585
Fruit Kind	Inter-specific Plum
Variety Owner South Africa	Zaiger SA
Managing Agent	Custom Plum Company
Date of Entry South Africa	2015
Marketing Restrictions	Apply
PBR	Yes
Tree Royalty Structure	\$1/tree on planting
Other	

Tree Characteristics

Chilling Requirement	Medium 450 - 500 Richardson
Growth Habit	Spreading together with semi-upright. Produces strong flat growing shoots throughout the tree.
Vigour	Medium-Strong Vigour
Flowering date	Full Bloom Week 38 - Week 40 in warm areas.
Bears fruit on	Two-year old bearing units and spurs.
Other	

Other remarks:

Excellent production with good fruit size. Early thinning will ensure optimal fruit size. Only an early natural fruit drop has been experienced. Trees can easily handle good yields and still produce the optimum fruit size of AA. The trees produce a lot of flat growing shoots which makes tree manipulation and filling wires very easy.

Pollination

Beehive Requirement	12 Beehives per ha
Flowering date: 10%	10% Flowering in warm areas - Week 35 10% Flowering in colder areas - Week 37
Pollinator 1	Harry Pickstone - First Flowers
Pollinator 2	Sunkiss - Mid Flowers
Pollinator 3	Sweet Pixie 2 - Mid to Late Flowers
Pollinator 4	Songold - Late Flowers
% Pollination required	30%

Production Characteristics

Harvest date warm areas	Week 8 - 9
Harvest date colder areas	Week 9 - 11
Control Variety	Fall Fiesta

Sizing:	AA, AAA
Skin Colour:	Red and Yellow Bi-colour
Flesh Colour:	Yellow
Fruit Shape:	Oblong
Texture:	Crisp
Storage ability:	Good

Production:

Very good, but bearing units needs to be renewed 25% per annum.

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