



GENERAL INFORMATION

Breeder	Zaiger's Genetics
Variety owner South Africa	Zaiger SA
Managing agent	Custom Plum Company
Fruit kind	Inter-specific apricot
Marketing restrictions	Apply
Royalty structure	
» Tree	\$1/Tree on planting
» Hectare	Year 3 = \$750/ha Year 4+ = \$950/ha

TREE CHARACTERISTICS

Chilling requirement	550-600 Richardson
Growth habit	Upright. Produces strong straight growing shoots.
Vigour	Medium vigour
Flowering date	Full bloom week 38 - week 40 in warm areas.
Bears fruit on	Two-year old bearing units and spurs.

PRODUCTION CHARACTERISTICS

Harvest date warm areas	Week 5 - week 7
Harvest date colder areas	Week 6 – week 8
Control variety	Crimson Kat
Sizing	L, XL
Skin colour	Dark red
Flesh colour	Yellow
Fruit shape	Typical apricot
Texture	Melting but firm

Excellent production, but bearing units needs to be renewed 25% per annum.

STORAGE & SHIPPING

Storage ability	Very good
Shipping	Single temperature
Storage trials	Independently evaluated



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FACTSHEET

POLLINATION

Beehive requirement	10 Beehives per hectare
Flowering date: 10%	10% Flowering in warm areas: Week 36 10% Flowering in colder areas: Week 38
Pollinator 1	Crimson Kat – First to mid flowers Compatibility: 100%
Pollinator 2	Sunkiss - First to mid flowers Compatibility: 50%
Pollinator 3	Songold - Mid flowers Compatibility: 100%
Pollinator 4	Festiva - Mid to late flowers Compatibility: 100%
Pollinator 5	Flavour Fall - Mid to late flowers Compatibility: 100%
Pollinator 6	Ruby Star - Late flowers Compatibility: 100%
% Pollination required	» 20-25% pollination is needed.

OTHER REMARKS:

Extremely high yielding cultivar, so early thinning is needed for the desired optimal fruit size.

Good size apricot like fruit with attractive dark red skin and yellow flesh. The fruit have very good flavour when harvested at optimal ripeness. Due to the apricot genetics the fruit has a hairy coverage on the outside which minimizes or mostly eliminate any sunburn.

Only an early natural fruit drop have been experienced. Trees can easily handle high yields and still produce the optimum fruit size of L/XL.

Due to medium vigour, summer pruning needs to be done very early to ensure optimal regrowth and to make sure the fruit to leaf ratio stays optimal as well as to stimulate the 1-year-old shoots into spur forming which is beneficial for yearly sustainable productions.