

(i) GENERAL INFORMATION

Breeder	Zaiger's Genetics
Variety owner South Africa	Zaiger SA
Managing agent	Custom Plum Company
Fruit kind	Inter-specific plum
Marketing restrictions	No restrictions
Royalty structure	
» Tree	\$1/Tree on planting
» Hectare	Year 3 = \$750/ha Year 4+ = \$950/ha

TREE CHARACTERISTICS

Chilling requirement	300-350 Richardson
Growth habit	Semi-upright with tendency to apical growth habit.
Vigour	Medium vigour
Flowering date	Full bloom week 35 - week 36.
Bears fruit on	One-year-old bearings units, two-year old bearing units and spurs.

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Harvest date warm areas	Week 49 - week 50
Harvest date colder areas	Week 51 - week 52
Control variety	Ebony Rose / Sunkiss
Sizing	AA
Skin colour	Dark red / purple
Flesh colour	Red
Fruit shape	Round
Texture	Melting, but firm.

Limited strong growing shoots is produced for renewal.Very good production, but bearing units needs to be renewed 25% per annum as die back on bearing units starts from 3rd leaf. Trees can easily handle good yields and still produce the optimum fruit size of AA. The fruit can be prone to rub marks if not spaced properly during thinning.Fruit set is the best on the 1, 2 and 3-year-old bearing units, so to ensure yearly optimal flowering and fruit set, it is going to be important to manage the bearing units throughout the trees to be no older than 4 years. First crop is not recommende before 3rd leaf as this will limited optimal tree volume and future production.

STORAGE & SHIPPING

Storage ability	Good
Shipping	Single temperature
Storage trials	Independently evaluated



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POLLINATION

Beehive requirement	10 Beehives per hectare
Flowering date: 10%	10% Flowering in warm areas: Week 33 10% Flowering in colder areas: Week 35
Pollinator 1	Pioneer – First flowers Compatibility: n/a
Pollinator 2	<i>African Deligh</i> - First to mid flowers Compatibility: n/a
Pollinator 3	Ebony Rose – Mid flowers Compatibility: n/a
Pollinator 4	<i>Harry Pickstone</i> - Late flowers Compatibility: n/a
% Pollination required	» If planted as a single cultivar then 25% pollination is needed.

↔ OTHER REMARKS:

Very good production with good fruit size. Early thinning will ensure optimal fruit size. The fruit have an attractive dark red/purple skin with red flesh. The fruit stays very firm even if it is close to being harvested at the optimal stage. The fruit have very good flavour when harvested at optimal ripeness.

Only an early natural fruit drop have been experienced. Due to medium vigour, summer pruning needs to be done very early to ensure optimal regrowth otherwise sunburn can become a problem. Fruit to leaf ratio needs to be optimum to minimize any potential sunburn.

Due to medium vigour and tendency to apical growth habit, tree training management will be extremely important to ensure the tree fill all wires by manipulating new growth regularly during the growing stage.

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