



(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	Apply
Royalty structure	
» Tree	\$1/Tree on planting
» Hectare	Year 3 = \$750/ha Year 4+ = \$950/ha

TREE CHARACTERISTICS

Chilling requirement	400-450 Richardson
Growth habit	Semi-upright
Vigour	Medium vigour
Flowering date	Full bloom week 38 - 39
Bears fruit on	Two-year old bearing units and spurs.

******* PRODUCTION CHARACTERISTICS

Harvest date warm areas	Week 2 - 4
Harvest date colder areas	Week 4 - 5
Control variety	Midnight Gold / Laetitia
Sizing	AA, AAA
Skin colour	Dark red
Flesh colour	Red
Fruit shape	Round
Texture	Melting but firm

Excellent production, 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.

🗂 STORAGE & SHIPPING

Storage ability	Very good
Shipping	Single temperature and steri
Storage trials	Independently evaluated

HONEY PUNCH FACTSHEET

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	<i>Fortune</i> – First to mid flowers Compatibility: 100%
Pollinator 2	<i>Sweet Pixzee 2</i> - Mid to late flowers Compatibility: 100%
Pollinator 3	<i>Sunkiss</i> – Mid to late flowers Compatibility: 50%
Pollinator 4	<i>Sunset Delight</i> - Mid to late flowers Compatibility: 50%
Pollinator 5	<i>Flavour Delight</i> - Mid to late flowers Compatibility: 100%
Pollinator 6	<i>Flavour Fall</i> - Mid to late flowers Compatibility: 100%
% Pollination required	 » If planted in rows of example two rows Honey Punch and 2 rows Flavour Delight, Sunset Delight or Flavour Fall, only 10-15% pollination is necessary. » Pollinators needs to be planted with both cultivars. » If planted as a single cultivar then 25% pollination is needed.

Very high fruit set so early thinning is required to ensure optimal fruit size. 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 a lot of pollen, so it set fruit easily, but is also a very good 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. Fruit to leaf ratio needs to be optimum to minimize any potential sunburn.

Following a proper fertilizer program is recommended to assist and optimize high yields. Being a dark coloured fruit, irrigation management needs to be optimum, especially during warm days and heat waves to minimize any potential quality problems.

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