



(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

\bigcirc TREE CHARACTERISTICS

Chilling requirement	450 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 37 - week 38 in warm areas.
Bears fruit on	Two-year old bearing units and spurs.

The Second Characteristics

Harvest date warm areas	Week 5 - week 8
Harvest date colder areas	Week 8 - week 10
Control variety	Songold / Fall Fiesta
Sizing	AA, AAA
Skin colour	Red and yellow bi-colour
Flesh colour	Yellow
Fruit shape	Oblong
Texture	Crisp

Very good production with excellent fruit size. Trees can easily handle good yields and still produce the optimum fruit size of AA. Bearing units needs to be renewed 25% per annum.

🗂 STORAGE & SHIPPING

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

SUNSET DELIGHT FACTSHEET

POLLINATION

Beehive requirement	12 Beehives per hectare
Flowering date: 10%	10% Flowering in warm areas: Week 34 10% Flowering in colder areas: Week 36
Pollinator 1	Harry Pickstone – First flowers Compatibility: 50%
Pollinator 2	<i>Honey Punch</i> - First to mid flowers Compatibility: 50%
Pollinator 3	<i>Sweet Pixzee 2</i> - First to mid flowers Compatibility: 50%
Pollinator 4	<i>Crimson Kat</i> - Mid to late flowers Compatibility: 50%
Pollinator 5	<i>Sunkiss</i> - Mid to late flowers Compatibility: 100%
Pollinator 6	<i>Songold</i> - Late flowers Compatibility: 50%
% Pollination required	» If planted in rows of example two rows Honey Punch/Crimson Kat and 2 rows Sunset Delight, only 15% pollination is necessary.
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OTHER REMARKS:

Being a Bi-coloured fruit, it is important that sunlight distribution is optimally managed throughout the tree to ensure that the fruit produces the attractive red and yellow colour. It will be beneficial to sunlight distribution, fruit colour and brix levels not to plant the cultivar closer than 3,5m row width.

Early thinning will ensure optimal fruit size, but it is important not to overload the bearing units to ensure the brix levels is optimal. Only an early natural fruit drop have been experienced. The trees produce a lot of flat growing shoots which makes tree manipulation and filling wires very easy.



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