



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	400 Richardson
Growth habit	Semi-upright
Vigour	Medium vigour
Flowering date	Full bloom week 35 - week 37 in warm areas
Bears fruit on	One-year old bearing units, two-year old bearing units and spurs.

PRODUCTION CHARACTERISTICS

Harvest date warm areas	Week 2 - week 3
Harvest date colder areas	Week 3 - week 4
Control variety	Honey Punch
Sizing	A
Skin colour	Dark red
Flesh colour	Yellow
Fruit Shape	Round
Texture	Crisp and fine

STORAGE & SHIPPING

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

OTHER REMARKS:

Extremely high yielding cultivar so early **thinning** is required to ensure optimal fruit size. Fruit needs to be spaced 4cm from the first thinning to ensure optimum balance between size of fruit and brix levels. Focus of the first thinning should be on keeping the first generation of fruit on the trees as these fruit is normally the bigger sized fruit. Early second thinning and optimal fruit numbers per tree will ensure optimal fruit size.

Planting on a double pole **trellis system** with high density or any high density trellis system is recommended to ensure optimum tonnage and easy



TASTY SWEET 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	African Delight - First flowers Compatibility: 50%
Pollinator 2	Harry Pickstone - First to mid flowers Compatibility: 50%
Pollinator 3	Honey Punch - First to late flowers Compatibility: 100%
Pollinator 4	Pixie 1 - Mid to late flowers Compatibility: 100%
Pollinator 5	Pixie 7 - Mid to late flowers Compatibility: 100%
Pollinator 6	Sunkiss - Late flowers Compatibility: 100%

% Pollination required	» If planted in rows of example 2 rows Tasty Sweet and 2 rows Honey Punch or Pixie 1, only 15% pollination is necessary. Pollinators needs to be planted with both cultivars. » If planted as a single cultivar then 25% pollination is needed. » Planting can also be done as 2 rows of Tasty Sweet and 1 row of Honey Punch with the 10-15% pollinators just planted in the Honey Punch rows.
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PRODUCTION

Excellent production with high brix. Bearing units must be renewed 25% per annum.

renewal of bearing units. Only an early natural fruit drop have been experienced. The fruit have very good **flavour** and crisp **texture** when harvested at optimal ripeness. Trees can easily handle high yields and still produce high brix levels.

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. Early summer pruning also ensures optimum sunlight distribution throughout the trees for optimum colour and brix.