



GENERAL INFORMATION

Breeder	Zaiger's Genetics
Variety owner South Africa	SAPO Trust
Managing agent	Icon Fruit
Fruit kind	Inter-specific plum
Marketing restrictions	Icon Fruit
Royalty structure	
» Tree	\$1/Tree on planting
» Hectare	Year 3 = \$50/ha Year 4 = \$350/ha Year 5+ = \$650/ha

TREE CHARACTERISTICS

Chilling requirement	550-650 Richardson
Growth habit	Semi-upright
Vigour	Vigourour
Flowering date	Full bloom week 39 - week 40 in warm areas.
Bears fruit on	Two-year old wood and spurs.

PRODUCTION CHARACTERISTICS

Harvest date warm areas	Week 10 - week 12
Harvest date colder areas	Week 11 – week 13
Control variety	n/a
Sizing	AA, AAA+
Skin colour	Purple
Flesh colour	Yellow
Fruit shape	Ovate
Texture	Soft when ripe

Very good production, but bearing units needs to be renewed 25% per annum. Fertilizer should not be applied directly after flowering, but rather after the first natural fruit drop as it can aggravate the natural fruit drop, so that is why optimal reserve status through post-harvest reserve building is so important.

OTHER REMARKS:

Pollination is one of the most important factors in achieving consistent high yields. Because every growing area has its own microclimate and cold units, pollinators should be selected for local conditions. Using three to four different pollinators also spreads the risk and improves flowering overlap during unpredictable weather.

Flavor Fall can be challenging when it comes to fruit set. Good sunlight, strong fruit-bearing units with quality flower buds, an extended flowering period and enough beehives are important. The cultivar also does not produce fruit well under shade nets.

Reserve levels are especially important because Flavor Fall is harvested late and has less time to build reserves for the following season. Three leaf analyses during the season are recommended to monitor nutrient levels and keep nutrition balanced with fruit development.

Post-harvest fertiliser should support reserve building without stimulating



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POLLINATION

Beehive requirement	15-20 Beehives per hectare
Flowering date: 10%	10% Flowering in warm areas: Week 36 10% Flowering in colder areas: Week 38
Pollinator 1	Harry Pickstone – Early flowers Compatibility: 50%
Pollinator 2	Angeleno - Early to mid flowers Compatibility: 100%
Pollinator 3	Honey Punch – Mid to late flowers Compatibility: 100%
Pollinator 4	Sunkiss - Mid to late flowers Compatibility: 100%
Pollinator 5	Sweet Pixie 1 - Mid to late flowers Compatibility: 100%
Pollinator 6	Festiva - Mid to late flowers Compatibility: 100%
Pollinator 7	Sweet Pixie 7 - Mid to late flowers Compatibility: 100%
% Pollination required	» If planted in rows of example two rows Flavor Fall and 1 row Sunkiss, Festiva, Honey Punch, Pixie 1 or Pixie 7, only 10-15% pollination is necessary. » Pollinators needs to be planted in the rows of both cultivars. » If planted as a single cultivar then 30% pollination is needed.

STORAGE & SHIPPING

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

unnecessary new growth. Leaves should also remain healthy and green for as long as possible after harvest. Brown rust and Xanthomonas can cause early leaf drop, reducing reserve building and contributing to inconsistent production.

Flavor Fall can experience heavy natural fruit drop early in the season, followed by much lighter drop later. Standard thinning is generally not needed, but bunches should be reduced to two or three fruit to allow enough space for proper development.

Trees can carry high yields while still producing AA fruit. With a lighter fruit set, irrigation and fertigation should be adjusted to prevent excessively large AAAA+ fruit.

Summer pruning should be done early enough to allow regrowth and reduce sunburn risk. Irrigation must also be carefully managed during hot weather and heat waves. Flavor Fall is prone to Xanthomonas on the leaves, which can later spread to the fruit.