

Ben Avon



Breeder: SCRI

Breeder's number: SCRI S26/1/1

Parentage: Ben Alder x SCRI C2/1/62

Flowering: Late flowering, ca. 6 days later than Ben Dorain.

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Technical Data

Variety	Date of 1st flower	Harvest Date	Yield (t/ha)	Berry Size (g)
Ben Avon	11th May	31st July	9.9	1.01
Ben Tirran	1st May	2nd August	7.3	0.92
Ben Finlay	19th April	18th July	8.17	1.16
Ben Dorain	28th April	28th July	8.42	0.94
Ben Gairn	16th April	12th July	8.38	1.19
From trial plots.				

Cropping Season: Harvests 4-6 days after Ben Dorain and 9 days after Ben Hope. Has produced very high yields in trials (over 13 t/ha), and was the highest yielding variety in commercial trials in Norfolk.

Mechanical Harvesting: Fully machine-harvestable, producing an excellent clean sample.

Growth Habit: Similar to Ben Tirran, with large vigorous bushes.

Disease and Pest Resistance: Pest/disease resistance - resistant to mildew and leafspot. Susceptible to gall mite and reversion, although cropping is only slowly affected.

Other Comments: Ben Avon generally performs best in eastern and southern areas. Moderately high winter chilling requirement.

Fruit Quality: Juice quality is good overall, with high levels of vitamin C. Berries are large (>1g in most years).