

Ben Tirran



Breeder: SCRI

Parentage: Ben Lomond x [(Seabrooks Black x Amos Black) x (Seabrooks Black x *Ribes* sp.)]

Flowering: around 10-14 days later than Ben Hope.

Ben Tirran is a machine-harvestable late-maturing variety with excellent fruit quality and productivity.

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Technical Data

Variety	Date of 1st flower	Harvest Date	Yield (t/ha)	Berry Size (g)
Ben Tirran	1st May	2nd August	7.3	0.92
Ben Starav	21st April	20th July	9.7	1.24
Ben Avon	11th May	31st July	9.9	1.01
Ben Gairn	16th April	12th July	8.38	1.19
Ben Finlay	19th April	18th July	8.17	1.16

From trial plots.

Cropping Season: 12 to 16 days later than Ben Hope, 5-6 days later than Ben Alder.

Productivity: Yields are similar to Ben Hope and usually slightly above Ben Alder.

Growth Habit: Reasonably upright with good vigour and ease of mechanical harvesting.

Fruit Quality: Similar to Ben Hope and suitable for all processing requirements. Ben Tirran usually produces a clean sample after harvest, so that post-harvest deterioration of fruit is minimised. Fruit size is usually around 1g per berry.

Disease and Pest Resistance: Ben Tirran has excellent resistance to powdery mildew and leafspot, but is susceptible to blackcurrant gall mite, blackcurrant reversion virus and leaf curling midge.

Other Comments: Ben Tirran is the latest ripening of the SCRI cultivars, and is valuable in extending the cropping season. Plantation life can be compromised by high levels of reversion, but Ben Tirran has excellent cropping potential. The winter chilling requirement has been assessed as high.