

# Ben Vane



**Breeder:** SCRI

**Breeder's number:** SCRI S13/14/107.

**Parentage:** [(SCRI 2/40 x SCRI 243/7) x (Westra x SCRI 243/7)].

**Flowering:** First flower usually ca. 2 weeks before Ben Hope.

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## Technical Data

Variety	Date of 1st flower	Harvest Date	Yield (t/ha)	Berry Size (g)
Ben Vane	9th April	13th July	10.15	0.72
Ben Starav	21st April	20th July	9.7	1.24
Ben Avon	11th May	31st July	9.9	1.01
Ben Klibreck	22nd April	26th July	11.57	1.09
Ben Gairn	16th April	12th July	8.38	1.19

From trial plots.

**Yield:** Very high yields have been achieved in trials, particularly in the West Midlands, where occasional crops of over 15t/ha have been achieved. Ben Vane performs best on sites with deep fertile soil.

**Fruit Quality:** Berry size is usually small to medium at around 0.7g. Juice quality is very good, with high juice yield and Brix, low acidity and moderate-high vitamin C levels. Ben Vane also has outstanding sensory properties that are particularly valuable for all processing applications.

**Other Comments:** Chilling requirement is rated as moderate, but Ben Vane often crops well after relatively mild winters.

**Cropping Season:** Mean date of full flower is generally 6-10 days before Ben Hope. Ben Vane is an early variety, with only Ben Gairn cropping earlier in most regions. Harvest date is usually around 5-7 days earlier than Ben Hope.

**Growth Habit:** Bush habit is quite spreading, although readily machine-harvestable. The weight of crop can bring the branches down in some years.

**Pest and Disease Resistance:** Resistant to powdery mildew, and fairly resistant to leafspot.