

# Big Ben



**Breeder:** SCRI

**Breeder's number:** SCRI C2/15/40.

**Parentage:** Complex cross involving (Goliath x Ojebyn) op, Ben Nevis and Vistavotnaja.

**Flowering:** Flowers ca. 7 days prior to Ben Lomond.

**Currently licensed to Winterwood Farms for the UK and South Africa.**

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**Cropping Season:** Ripens in a similarly early season to Ben Gairn.

**Growth Habit:** Spreading habit, although branches are fairly strong. Can be grown on wires in protected situations, but Big Ben is not suitable for mechanical harvesting.

**Fruit Quality:** High Brix/acid ratios, from very large berries (usually > 2g). Yields are high, and the fruit is ideal for fresh consumption rather than juice processing.

**Disease and Pest Resistance:** Resistant to mildew and leafspot.

**Other Comments:** Specialist variety for the fresh market.

