

Nectarine

Trademark: RUBY GEM™
Variety: Zairuge
Species: Nectarine, *Prunus nucipersica*



Origin:	
Breeder, Place	Floyd Zaiger, California, USA
Intellectual property	Mondial Fruit Selection, France
Type, Selection	clone INFEL 5798
Property rights	registered for EU trademark
Blossom:	
Blooming date, -intensity	early blossom period with high density
Fertility	self-fertile
Flower shape	rose shaped, large and pink double flowers
Frost susceptibility	medium susceptibility of flower buds to winter frost
Fruit:	
Ripening time	late, 11. peach week, 3-5 days after 'Fantasia'
Scale, shape	medium large, rounded, limited suture, deep stalk cavity
Skin	smooth and firm
Colour	80-90 % shiny dark red to crimson over colour
Fruit flesh	cream white, slightly reddish around the stone, medium firm, very juicy
Taste	spicy with well balanced sugar-acid ratio
Stone separability	clingstone
Storage	good
Tree:	
Vigour	strong, semi-upright to upright
Crop load	high and regular
Evaluation:	Late ripening, white-fleshed variety which impresses with its highly aromatic flavour and optimum crop load. To maintain good fruit size thorough fruit-thinning is necessary. The large double flowers have excellent ornamental value and therefore are gladly used by florists for decorative purposes.