

# Plum

## Variety:

**Opal**

Species:

Plum, *Prunus domestica*



<b>Origin:</b>	
Breeder, Place	Horticultural Research Station Alnarp, Sweden
Parents	Oullins Reneklode x Early Favorite, 1925
Property rights	free variety
<b>Blossom:</b>	
Blooming date	medium early, relatively resistant against late frost
Fertility	self-fertile, good pollinator
<b>Fruit:</b>	
Ripening time	medium early, 3.-4. plum week
Scale, shape	medium large, Ø 40 mm, 35-40 g, globose, tends to small fruits at to high crop load
Colour	red purple over colour, yellowish green ground colour
Fruit flesh	golden, medium firm, very juicy
Taste	sweet, low acidity, to high crop load leads to deteriorating taste
Cracking sensitivity	low
Stone separability	freestone
Plum pox	sensitive
<b>Tree:</b>	
Vigour	medium strong, harmonious growth
Crop load	from an early age high yield
<b>Evaluation:</b>	Opal is an attractive and colourful variety. Thorough fruit-thinning is necessary for maintaining good fruit quality and size. Otherwise small fruit and biennial bearing will be an issue. Because of the freestone Opal is also well suited for baking.