

Gage

Variety: Reine Claude Souffriau

Species: Gage, *Prunus domestica*



Origin:	
Breeder, Place	Belgium
Property rights	free variety
Blossom:	
Blooming date	medium early to medium, ideal to high blossom density
Fertility	under examination
Fruit:	
Ripening time	early, 5. plum week, shortly before 'Oullins Reneklode'
Scale, shape	medium to large, 55–60 mm, more or less round, very limited suture
Colour	uniformly coloured blue, heavy bloom
Fruit flesh	yellow-orange, amber when fully ripe, pleasant fine-cell texture, very juicy, firmer skin with fine acidity
Taste	at the first pick spicy-aromatic, with increasing maturity full-bodied taste
Cracking sensitivity	very low
Stone separability	small stone tends to stick to the flesh
Plum pox	under examination
Storage	for an early variety very good
Tree:	
Vigour	medium strong, semi upright to spreading, fruiting branches tilting, well garnished and branched, less tendency to blind wood, medium green leaf, not clossy
Crop load	early setting, ideal to high, fruits hang uniformly dense with a slight tendency to form clusters, thorough and timely fruit thinning required to achieve good fruit size and excellent aroma
Evaluation:	Reine Claude Souffriau is an old variety with a very attractive exterior and highly aromatic fruits. The early ripening time of this highly interesting fruits, ripening just before 'Oullins Reneklode', opens the gage season in our range and thus expands the diversity of offers from direct marketers.