

Plum

Variety:**Katinka**

Species:

Plum, *Prunus domestica*

Origin:	
Breeder, Place	Dr. W. Hartmann, University Hohenheim, Germany
Parents	Ortenauer x Ruth Gerstetter, 1982
Property rights	registered for EU plant variety rights
Blossom:	
Blooming date	early to medium early
Fertility	self-fertile
Fruit:	
Ripening time	medium early, 3. plum week
Scale, shape	medium large, 30-33 mm, ovoid
Colour	dark purple to blue, heavy bloom
Fruit flesh	green yellow, medium firm and finely textured, very juicy
Taste	well balanced taste with low acidity
Cracking sensitivity	very low, hardly susceptible to rotteness
Stone separability	freestone
Plum pox	tolerant
Storage	good
Tree:	
Vigour	medium strong, semi-upright growth, loosely branched
Crop load	from an early age high and regular yield
Evaluation:	Katinka (S) ripens in the 3rd plum week and is well established in commercial orchards. Characteristic for this variety is the high and regular crop load from the beginning. Due to this there needs to be close attention to correct pruning and fruit-thinning to maintain good fruit size and the sweet-aromatic flavour. The good reputation for fresh-eating creates a high commercial value. The freestone fruits are also suitable for baking and other culinary uses.