

Plum

Variety: **Top (S)**

Species: Plum, *Prunus domestica*



Origin:	
Breeder, Place	Prof. Dr. Helmut Jacob, Research Institute Geisenheim, Germany
Intellectual property	Hochschule Geisenheim University, Germany
Parents	Auerbacher x Stanley, commercially available since 1993
Crossing number	P 3-92-1985
Synonym	Geisenheimer Spätzwetschge Top
Property rights	registered for German plant variety rights
Blossom:	
Blooming date	medium late, robust blossom
Fertility	self-fertile
Fruit:	
Ripening time	medium late, 8.-9. plum week
Scale, shape	medium to large, Ø 36 mm, ellipsoid
Colour	intense dark blue with heavy bloom
Fruit flesh	intense yellow to amber
Taste	moderate taste, mealy when overripe
Cracking sensitivity	medium
Stone separability	freestone
Plum pox	tolerant
Storage	good storage if prematurely harvested
Tree:	
Vigour	in the first years strong, at mature stage medium, tends to blind wood
Crop load	from an early age very high and regular crop load

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Evaluation:	The very attractive fruits of this medium late ripening variety have good baking qualities even when premature. Top (S) yields high and regular and is not prone to biennial bearing. This secures a consistent supply for wholesale in this late ripening period. On dry sites there is a tendency to grainy flesh around the stone. The susceptibility to bacterial canker and Valsa infection should be taken into account when choosing the right site.
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