

📆 Blue Duchess (TH-1876)





Southern Highbush Blueberry type:

Key attributes: Blue Duchess has been exclusively released to

> Topfruit as a commercial selection to be granted plant breeders rights in South Africa. This variety has very large, firm, flavorful berries with extensive

production potential.

Chilling Required: Low chill (-350h < 7.2C)

Flowering: Flower bud break May-June.

PDF = 80 Days Flowers two weeks after Star.

Pollinator: SH variety with similar flowering time.

Bud break: Evergreen

Harvest: Early to mid-season production: Ripens one week

after Star.

Plant Vigour: Upright with good vigorous growth.

Good (20 - 25 ton/ha). Yield:

Large size fruit (1.8–2.2g/berry), ranging Berry size:

between 14-25mm.

Fruit shape: Round

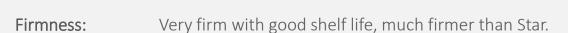
Colour: Medium blue to light blue

Bloom: Strong; light blue

Small dry scar **Picking Scar:**







Flavour: Crisp & sweet with good brix, average acidity, very

good eating.

Disease: Little rust has been observed.

Licensed Zimbabwe, Zambia, Namibia, Botswana, Swaziland, Countries: Lesotho, Mozambique, Angola, Tanzania, Kenia,

Malawi, South Africa, Uganda, Rwanda, Burundi.

Evaluation Results

Selection or Variety	Ripening	Est. Chill hours	Berry Size	Berry Scar	Berry Color	Berry Firm.	Berry Flav.	Crop Load	Plant vigor
Georgia Dawn	Aug-Sept	150-200	7.0	7.5	7.0	6.8	7.5	6.0	9.5
Rebel	Aug-Sept	300-350	8.0	7.0	7.0	7.5	6.5	7.5	8.5
Suziblue	Sept-Oct	250-350	8.5	7.0	7.0	7.5	7.0	7.5	8.0
Blue Duchess	Sept-Oct	250-350	8.5	8.0	7.0	8.0	7.5	7.0	9.5

