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**Key attributes:** Velluto Blue is a very late medium chill variety with very good production, decent size and superior eating quality. Chosen for its outstanding fruit quality with a very attractive bloom on the fruit, little grittiness and an exceptionally late fruiting season.

**Chilling Required:** Medium (450-600h < 7.2C)

**Flowering:** Late Spring (50% mid-September) PDF = 120 Days

Pollinator: Centra Blue or Sky Blue

Harvest: Very late; fruit start ripening the first week of February ripens 50% of fruit towards mid-February. Has an extended fruiting season.

Plant Vigour: Very vigorous & precocious, spreading

Yield: Highly Productive, averaging approximately 6–10kg per plant (25-35 ton/ha in full production). Harvest over long period.

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**Berry size:** Large size compared to other Rabbiteye varieties, averaging approximately 2.4 g (observed range 2.1-2.9 g). Ave. 18mm

- Fruit shape: Oblate to round
- Colour: Light blue; blue black with bloom removed
- Bloom: Strong; light blue
- Picking Scar: Small/Medium dry scar



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Firmness:	Firm with good shelf life
Flavour:	Fruit sweetness observed range 12.7-13.1 Brix. Flavor has been observed to be well balanced between sweetness and acidity.
Disease:	The plant does not seem to be susceptible to rust
Patent:	https://patents.justia.com/patent/PP24932



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Comparative nesaries				
Centra Blue	Velluto Blue			
Yield (Kg/bush)				
8	8			
Berry Weight (g/berry)				
2.2	2.4			
Berry Size (mm)				
16-18mm	16-20mm			
175	180			
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11.4	12,8			
	Centra Blue Yield (Kg/bush) 8 Berry Weight (g/berry) 2.2 Berry Size (mm) 16-18mm Firmness (g/mm) 175 Brix (%)			

## **Comparative Results \***

