

Sunset Blue



- Blueberry type:** Northern Highbush
- Released:** 2011
- Key attributes:** The fruit of Sunset Blue is medium to large, with strong bloom, good flavor with a good balance between sugar and acidity, and extended shelf life. Plant is upright with good vigor and an early heavy crop.
- Chilling Required:** Medium (+800h < 7.2C)
- Flowering:** Spring (50% early September) PDF = 85 Days
- Pollinator:** Blue Moon
- Bud break:** First visible leafs starting early September.
- Harvest:** Mid-season, from mid-November until end of December
- Plant Vigour:** Vigorous upright growth
- Yield:** Good, averaging approximately 4kg per plant (15-25 ton/ha in full production)
- Berry size:** Medium to large: average approximately 16.3 mm (observed range 14.7-17.5 mm), 2.2g aver weight
- Fruit shape:** Fruit is oblate in shape
- Colour:** Medium blue, sometimes shows red back
- Bloom:** Strong; light blue
- Picking Scar:** Small/Medium dry scar

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Firmness:	Moderate to very firm
Flavour:	Good flavor with balanced taste. Brix level averages 11.4%, (observed range 9-13%)
Disease:	The plant does not seem to be susceptible to rust (<i>Pucciniastrum vaccinii</i>).
Licensed Countries:	South Africa
Patent:	https://patents.justia.com/patent/20100115677

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