

Premium Blackberry



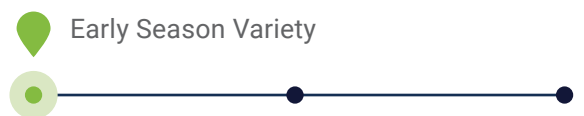
Plant characteristics

- Vigourous, thornless with short strong fruiting laterals
- Early season, harvest starts beginning of July, 50% ripe date 12th July in Oregon, USA
- 5 days earlier than Black Diamond, more than two weeks before Chester
- 600+ chilling hours
- High yielding variety - Reported yield: 34 tons / hectare in replicated trials
- Frost hardy - survival tested at -16.6C



Fruit characteristics

- Large berry size, 7.6g on average, larger than Black Diamond
- Good dark colour and firm fruit, with exceptional shine maintained after picking
- Outstanding flavour with high Brix of 12.7%
- Fruit has low susceptibility to heat damage



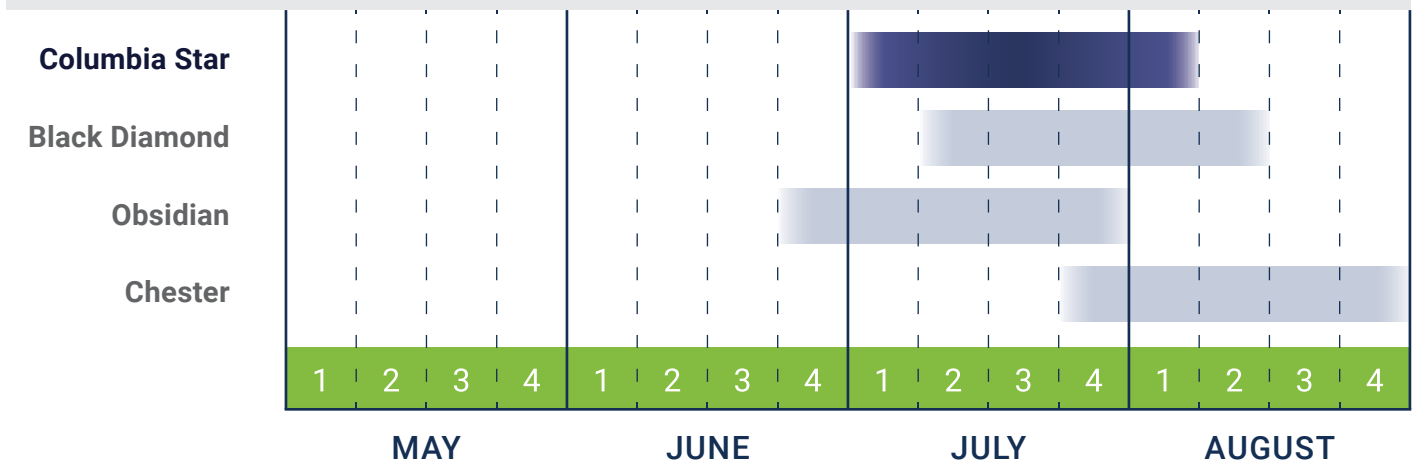
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Comparative Results

Selection	Chill Hours	First Ripe Date	Berry Weight	Berry Texture	Hardiness	Berry Firmness	Yield Potential t/ha	Brix %
Columbia Star	600	3rd July	7.6g	9.3	-16C	8.6	34t/ha	12.7
Black Diamond	600	7th July	5.8g	8.2	-8C	7.3	21t/ha	10.4
Obsidian	600	25th June	6.8g	8.0	-12C	7.7	29t/ha	12.2
Chester	900	25th July	5.5g	5.5	-16C	7.2	32t/ha	9.7

Ripening Schedule



* Results are from trial plots in Oregon, USA

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