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'Perron's Red' Primocane Raspberry

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Origin

'Perron Red' is a cross of 'Pathfinder' as pollen plant and 'Zeva Herbsterne' as seed plant. Seedling selected in 1977 inherited best quality of both parent plants which are primocane fruiting vigorous stems and growth, good size and taste of fruits and hardiness. Plants have wide adaptation and good resistance to diseases and insects.

Growth Characteristics

'Perron Red' is a vigorous primocane fruiting raspberry. Canes do not need to be supported, lateral branches are growing at height of 18 inches (45 cm) or lower. Total height reaches 5 feet. (150 cm).

Fruit Characteristics

First fruits are produced in July on lateral branches. Fruiting is increasing during August to reach top production of berries during September persisting till November. Fruits are conical 35 mm long by 25 mm wide. Laboratory analyses have given high sugar and pectin contents. Fruits are excellent for fresh consumption, freezing, jam, jelly and syrup.

Uses

'Perron Red' is best for roadside markets, pick your own and home gardens.

Maintenance

'Perron Red' is a primocane fruiting type and may be pruned back to ground level late fall. If earlier production is desirable, preserve some strong one year old canes and prune them back to 30 inches (75 cm) 'Perron Red' is bearing plenty of huge fruits during long fruiting season and should therefore be fertilized twice a year in early spring and mid-summer. Eliminate readily all unnecessary suckering.

Release

Tissue cultured plants are available for distribution to Experimental farm and University trial garden in U.S.A. Tests have to be made with other primocane cultivars. Plants for such test on official demands may be obtained from:

Congdon and Weller
Wholesale Nursery Inc.
Mile Block Road
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