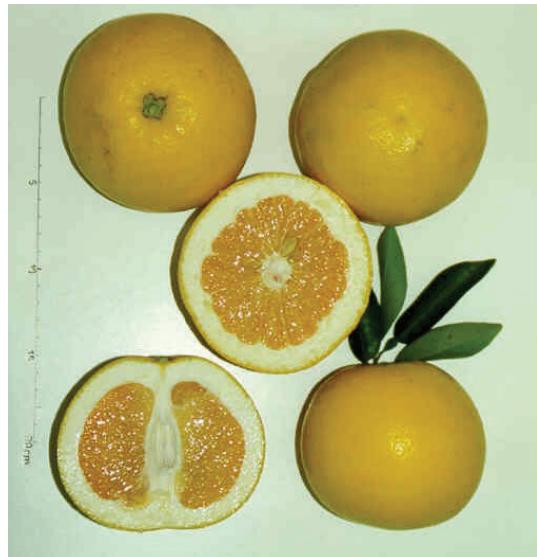


Ruby, Ruby Blush or Pink grapefruit variety fact sheet



Ruby, Ruby Blush or Pink

Origin

The original selection was made in Texas in 1926 from Thompson Pink. A number of seed and budwood selections have been introduced into Australia. The selection supplied by Auscitrus is known as Ruby Blush. The major selection produced in Australia is the Ruby selection grown in the Carnarvon region of Western Australia.

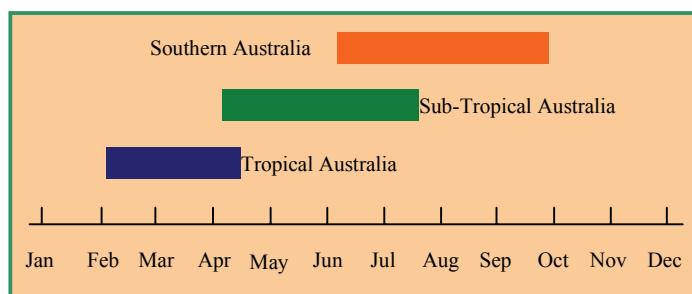
Type

Pink fleshed grapefruit, low seed numbers

Market

Fresh fruit, domestic markets.

Marketing season (estimated)



Internal quality

Internal flesh colour is variable but in southern Australia fruit is usually pale pink. Fruit grown in southern Australia has a tendency to be highly acidic and rarely exceeds a Brix:acid ratio of 6:1.

External quality

Fruit produced inside the tree canopy develops areas of pinkish blush on the rind where fruit are touching or heavily shaded.

Postharvest performance

There is little information available on the postharvest performance of Ruby Blush grapefruit in Australia. Fruit grown in tropical and sub-tropical Australia require ethylene de-greening to improve external colouration (blush) of fruit.

Field performance

Field performance of Ruby Blush grapefruit in Australia has been variable and may be a consequence of selecting scion material from seed importations. There is little information available on the long-term yield performance of Ruby Blush grapefruit in Australia.

Ruby, Ruby Blush or Pink grapefruit variety fact sheet

Pest and disease

Highly susceptible to the Grapefruit Stem Pitting stain of tristeza. Ruby grapefruit is susceptible to *Alternaria* brown spot under tropical growing conditions. No other specific pest and disease problems have been noted to this point.

Extent of plantings

Ruby Blush is a minor variety in Australia. The majority of Ruby grapefruit plantings are in the Carnarvon area of Western Australia, where a premium price is obtained due to good internal colour and early maturity.

State of knowledge



Growers should ensure that trees are propagated from budwood obtained from Auscitrus.

Last Revised: October 2002

Disclaimer:

Information contained in this publication is provided as general advice only. For application to specific circumstances, professional advice should be sought.

