

Backbone Valley Nursery

2009-2010 Fruit Tree Selections

GRAPES:

2 Gallon size-\$19.95

Champanel - Large black grape with white bloom. Thin, but tough skin with tender, juicy flesh. Good table grape. Large, loose cluster. Ripens evenly, not given to cracking or dropping. Very resistant to heat and drought. Does well in any soil including alkaline and black soils. Adapted to north central Texas. Cane pruning. Hardy to Zone 6. Ripens early July.

Black Spanish (Le Noir) - Small. Blackish-blue skin. Juicy. Heavy and regular producer. Good for juice and jelly. **Resistant to Pierce Disease** and mildew. Cane pruning. Ripens August to September.

Reliance - Red-fruited seedless grape. Great eating grape or excellent for jellies and juices. Stores well. Has medium-sized clusters. Hardy and vigorous grower.

Seibel - Large. Whitish-yellow fruit. Large clusters. Medium vine vigor, very cold hardy. Good wine and table variety. Good selection for the Southwest. Spur pruning. Ripens August into September, with Concord.

Blanc DuBois - White wine producing grape. Great for Texas production. **Resistant to Pierce Disease.**

Venus - Seedless table grape blue when ripe. Med. size grape in med. size cluster. Early ripening.

Lakemont - Seedless white grape golden when ripe. Late ripening. Large and tight clusters. Disease resistant. Crisp, juicy, sweet as honey.

BLACKBERRIES:

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- ❖ Blackberries are deeply rooted and prefer deep soil that is well drained. Full sun is best. Plant 2-4 ft. apart in rows 6-9 ft. apart.

Rosenborough - Erect berries. Larger and sweeter than Brazos. Early variety. Constant bearer.

Brazos - Large. Attractive, fairly firm with tart acid flavor. Bush very vigorous, upright grower. Productive and disease resistant. Ripens June to July.

Navaho - Thorn-less with medium berries. Excellent fruit quality with a less tart flavor. Sweetest of the Arkansas varieties. Resistant to anthracnose. Ripens June to July.

Arapaho - Thorn-less variety. Disease resistant with a long shelf life. Great for Texas. Fast growth rate. An excellent sweet flavor, good size, firm fruit, and heavy production.

Kiowa - Very large berries. Firm with excellent flavor. Good disease resistance. Ripens over long period beginning in mid-June.

Blueberries:

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- ❖ Blueberries are not deeply rooted and need a heavy mulch for constant moisture. Regular light feeding is a must. Soil must be very well drained, high in organic matter and lowered ph for best results. They can be grown in containers which is easier for ph adjustment. Must have both species for fruit production. Don't pick blue berries until fully ripe or they can be bitter.

Tifblue - Developed from wild berries for the South. Large light blue berries with a balanced flavor of acid and sweet. Ripens July.

Delite - Develops sugar early. Berries medium large and may be blue to reddish to pink when fully ripe. Ripens June.

PLUMS:

7 Gallon size-\$29.95

- ❖ Some plums need a pollinator. So be sure to get two trees of different varieties. Space 20'-25' apart. Self-fertile trees produce more when a second tree is present.

Methley - Medium to large fruit with purplish skin. Flesh is amber tinged with red, delicious flavor. Self-fertile. Ripens in early June.

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Santa Rosa - Fast growing tree. The fruit is medium-large, firm, sweet, juicy, and aromatic. The fruit is firm and of good quality. It is a self pollinating tree and thus can be planted in locations where pollination is not needed

Bruce - Very red and productive plum variety. Good plum for commercial use. Ripens about June 1st. Requires pollinator, Methley is best.

PEACHES:

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❖ Peaches are self-fertile. Plant 20 ft. apart in amended, well drained soils. Plant early and late varieties for peaches all summer.

Loring - Large freestone peach with yellow skin and red blushing. Flesh is yellow, firm, melting, medium texture, flavor quality extremely good. Resistant to bacterial leaf spot. Very showy blooms. Ripens mid-July.

Redskin - Large fruit with deep red skin all over. Flesh yellow, melting, non-browning, firm, fine flavor. Excellent peach for eating, shipping, or canning. Resistant to bacterial leaf spot. Ripens in early August.

PECANS:

30 Gallon size-\$250.00 /15 Gallon size-\$125.00

❖ Mix early and late pollinators for best nut set. All varieties do better with a pollinator. Mature height and canopy width of 30 x 30 ft.

Choctaw - Late pollinating variety with very large nuts and soft-shell. Early bearing variety with good production. Large tree that is excellent for home shade. Does well in all southern climates. Resistant to scab, semi self-fertile. Ripens November 10 to November 25.

Desirable - Early pollen shedding variety with large nuts and a medium soft shell. Very productive and consistent bearer. Very good eating quality. Large shade tree. Does well in our south-central climate, but not recommended for the dry West. Disease and scab resistant. Semi self-fertile variety that ripens October 25 to November 10.

Pawnee - Early pollen shedding variety with large, soft shell, and high kernel percentage. Pecans mature before Thanksgiving and Christmas. Strong and vigorous tree.

Cheyenne - Papershell pecan with medium size fruit. Bears heavy and early. Does well in our area. Excellent flavor. Cheyenne is the variety of choice if you are looking for a kernel that is bright and creamy in color.

Sioux - Mid season pollen shed with smaller nut and thin shell that cracks well. The nut is smooth with high quality, excellent flavor and good appearance. Holds well in storage. Vigorous and hardy tree. Recommended for commercial and homeowner planting in Texas.

PERSIMMONS:

7 Gallon size-\$29.95

❖ Will bear fruit without pollination (parthenocarpic).

Fuyu - Handsome tree with large edible fruit and bright fall color. Attractive branches hold fall ripening fruit. Can take lawn conditions to infrequent irrigation. Fruit should be thinned to prevent branch breakage. Fruit is crisp, lightly sweet and crunchy. Beautiful fall color.

FIGS:

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❖ Figs are self-pollinating and may be planted alone.

Texas Everbearing (Brown Turkey) - Medium sized fig adapted to Central Texas. Tree is vigorous and productive. Early crop ripens in May; the main crop ripens in late June and continues to ripen into August. Nearly seedless fruit with a mild sweet flavor.

Celeste - Smaller fig, brown to purple colored, and adapted to all areas of Texas. Most cold hardy of all fig varieties. Large tree that is very productive and vigorous. Crops ripen mid-June before other fig varieties. Resistant to the dried fruit beetle.

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PEARS:

Most pears need another variety for cross-pollination so plant more than one variety.

Orient - Large round fruit with yellow skin. Smooth textured, sweet, firm, juicy, white flesh. Heavy producer. Resistant to blight. Good for mild winter areas. Does best with another variety for cross-pollination. Ripens in August.

Ayers - European pear, often referred to as the Sugar Pear. Has a medium-red blush. It has so much natural sugar it just melts in your mouth. Cross pollination is needed for fruit set. Ripens in September.

Keiffer - Large yellow fruit blushed crimson. White juicy crisp flesh. Ripens late September. Blight resistant and self-fertile. Does well in hot climates.

Shinko - Golden brown skin. Juicy, sweet, crisp like an apple. Late ripening. Asian pear. Pollinated by Hosui, Bartlett, Ayers.

20th Century - Fruit is yellow skinned, crisp, with a juicy butterscotch-like flavor. Late ripening. Let fruit ripen on shelf.

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