



Pomegranate - Arakta: Technical information

- The variety originates in India.
- The Arakta is a mid maturing soft seeded selection
- The bright ruby red skin, rose pink arils, high juice content, softness of the seed and high sugars make this a popular variety.
- The Arakta pomegranate is precocious and will set crops within two years of establishment.
- The variety has medium to large sized fruit and sets heavy crop loads.
- The variety favours a semi-arid climate and is extremely drought -tolerant

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| Tree Vigour | Vigorous |
| Thorniness | Low |
| Suckering Tendency | Low |
| Harvest Maturity Western Cape | Mid Season 15 Mar / 15 April |
| Fruit Weight Average | Large 225 - 375 g |
| Average Tree Productivity | High > 40 kg |
| Planting Density | 833 trees per ha (4m x 3m) or 667 trees per ha (5m x 3m) |
| Picking | 4 pickings at 7 - 10 day intervals |
| External Appearance | Dark Red |
| Skin Thickness | Thin |
| Aril Colour | Ruby |
| Aril Size | Large |
| Seed Hardness | Soft Tegmen 1,0 - 4.5 |
| Seed Size | Small |
| Carpel Ratio | Very Low |
| Flavour | Brix 18°. Pleasant, sweet with no aftertaste |
| Storage | Optimum temperature between 6 - 10 ° C with a maximum of 4 months in cold storage |

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