

Blueberry Management Guide

Variety: Top Shelf

Many of the following observations were made in Oregon, and results may vary in response to the Fraser Valley's unique climatic conditions. Therefore, all statements are tentative in nature, based on evaluations over a limited timeframe, and should not be considered an endorsement for extensive planting of this trial variety in the Fraser Valley

Planting/Site Selection	May be less adaptable to marginal planting conditions (e.g., wet or mineral)
Young Plant/Establishment Needs	Insufficient data at this time
Appearance/Plant Habit	Vigorous with similar growth habit to 'Draper' but has thicker canes
Pruning/Maintenance	Prune like 'Draper' as it branches a lot and requires encouragement to grow upright Requires relatively less thinning near the ends of whips
Fertilization	Insufficient data at this time
Pollination	Insufficient data at this time
Frost Susceptibility	Adaptation to the Fraser Valley may be marginal based on pedigree and should be trialed with caution
Excessive Soil Moisture Tolerance	Insufficient data at this time
Disease/ Insect Susceptibility	Appears to be susceptible to many of the same disease issues as its parent, 'Draper' (e.g., root and cane diseases, silver leaf)

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Trellising	Trellising recommended
Machine/Hand Harvest	Primarily intended for hand harvest
Yield/Timing	Mid-season
Market	Primarily intended for fresh market
Berry Flavour	Better flavour than 'Draper'
Fruit Size	Very large
Firmness	Insufficient data at this time
Shelf life	Insufficient data at this time
Colour	Light blue
Scar Quality	Insufficient data at this time
Other Comments	Recommended for trial only