



Blagratwo (MELODY®)

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SOUTH AFRICA

Characteristics	1) Mid-late season black seedless 2) Strong vigour 3) Medium-high fertility 4) Good natural colour 5) Elongated, obovoïd berry 6) Natural accepted berry size 7) Apical dominant	
Plant Spacing	1,8m – 2,0m x 3,0m – 3,5m	
Rootstock	Ramsey is the most planted rootstock Paulsen 1103, Richter 110, US8-7 – weaker rootstock shows promising results for vigorous Melody Soil type, plant spacing and trellising system influence the rootstock choice	
Pruning	4-8 half-long canes (6 buds) along with short bearers for renewal Ensure sufficient amount of buds available in year 1 and 2 to drain excess vigour Be aware of Apical dominance characteristic	
Thinning	No thinning sprays recommended Trial: 1ppm Gibberellic acid application at 110% flowering – depending on weather conditions	
After set	Hang bunches through	
Enlargement	Between 6mm - 8mm berry size Hex river – 3-5ppm Berg river – 3-5ppm Elephant river – 3-5mm Orange river – 7,5-10ppm dip Cool weather conditions is more advantageous for effective enlargement Do not increase dosage in case of undesirable weather – fertility risk Shorten bunches to 10cm max Tip shoots, remove leaves in bunch zone	
Harvest control	Full production – 5.5 – 6.0 bunches per m ² 1 st crop – 25-30% of full production 2 nd crop – 70-75% of full production 3 rd crop – full production	
Canopy management	Be aware of the vigorous growth and apical dominance Vigorous growth = tip more = side shoots development = canopy compaction = weak ripening Careful management of fertilizers especially Nitrogen	
Harvest	Minimum Standards:	
	Sugar: - 18°B OR - 17°B with 25:1 sugar:acid ratio	Berry size: - Regular – 15mm - Large – 17mm - X-Large – 19mm - XX-Large – 21mm

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