



Belalate

Species: Satsuma

Origin: Spontaneous mutation of Satsuma Owari found in Valencia, Spain.

Ripening time: ultra-late, 3 to 4 weeks after Satsuma Owari, January – February in the Northern Hem, July – August in the Southern Hem.

Quality attributes: External colour is deep orange, skin is firmer than Owari, easy to peel, high level of juice, sweet flavour, Belalate holds well on the tree with a good acid content until the fruit is harvested. De-greening is not needed as it colours up 100% by the picking time. The fruit is firm and it doesn't develop puffiness. Belalate is seedless regardless the influence of any pollinator nearby (0% seeds, 100% sterility). Its pollen is sterile so it doesn't pollinate other varieties. Good fruit size, average of 65 mm.

Tree characteristics: Vigour is similar to Owari and very productive, easy handling and undemanding. Trees have no thorns. With around 500 trees/ha (distance 5 x 4 m), the production tends to reach 45 t/ha under normal conditions in Spain.

Availability of material: Clean material released by Citrus Foundation Block. First trees ready for planting at selected Nurseries.



Young tree with fruit

