

# Plums

Australia prides itself on being an innovative producer of fresh sweet stone fruit. The clean environment and ideal climate of our growing areas are perfect for producing high quality plums that meet the expectations of discerning customers. We are able to provide our export markets with fresh products from December to April.

## Major Growing Regions



## Storage and Handling

Correct storage and handling is the key factor in maintaining good fruit quality for plums. The ideal storage temperature is 0° to 2° celsius. Fruit can be ripened effectively between 8° and 25°. The DANGER zones that need to be avoided at all times are 2° to 8° and above 25°. Fruit should not be stored beyond its normal storage life - 2 to 6 weeks, depending on variety, maturity and storage conditions.



	SANTA ROSA	BLACK AMBER	FORTUNE	LARODA
<b>Eating quality</b>	Sweet, good acid balance, very juicy and softens when ripe	Sweet, little acid, very juicy and softens when ripe	Very sweet, juicy, firm when ripe	Very sweet, juicy and softens when ripe
<b>Size</b>	Medium (45 – 54 mm)	Medium (48 – 56 mm)	Large (65mm – 70mm)	Medium large (40 – 60mm)
<b>Shape</b>	Round	Flat-round	Round	Round, conical
<b>Storage life</b>	Short (3 weeks) Ripens quickly	Short (2 – 4 weeks) Ripens quickly	Good (3 – 5 weeks)	Med (4 weeks) Ripens rel. slowly
<b>Availability</b>	Wk 2 Dec – Wk 3 Jan	Wk 4 Dec – Wk 1 Jan	Wk 1 Jan – Wk 2 Feb	Wk 2 Jan – Wk 3 Feb

	FRIAR	AMBER JEWEL	AUSIBELLE	MOYER <span style="background-color: yellow;">sugar plum</span>
<b>Eating quality</b>	Sweet, very little acid, juicy and firm when ripe	Very sweet, little acid, juicy and firm when ripe	Sweet, slightly acid, firm when ripe	Extremely sweet, crunchy when ripe
<b>Size</b>	Medium (54 – 64 mm)	Medium (52 – 64mm)	Medium – large	Small – medium
<b>Shape</b>	Flat – round	Heart	Rounded	Oval/prune
<b>Storage life</b>	Good (5 weeks) Ripens quickly	Good (3 – 5 weeks) Ripens slowly	Good (3 – 4 weeks)	Excellent (8 weeks)
<b>Availability</b>	Wk 3 Jan – Wk 4 Feb	Wk 4 Jan – Wk 1 March	Wk 4 Jan – Wk 1 March	Wk 1 Feb – Wk 2 March

	D'AGEN <span style="background-color: yellow;">sugar plum</span>	TEGAN BLUE	ANGELENO	AUTUMN GIANT
<b>Eating quality</b>	Extremely sweet and crisp	Very sweet, good acid balance, very juicy and soft when ripe	Very sweet, low acid, firm and crunchy when ripe	Sweet, slightly acid, juicy and firm when ripe
<b>Size</b>	Small	Medium (48 – 60mm)	Medium	Large (56 – 66mm)
<b>Shape</b>	Oval/prune	Round, slightly assymetrical	Round to flat	Round oval
<b>Storage life</b>	Good (4 weeks)	Good. Ripens relatively slowly	Excellent (8 weeks) Ripens slowly	Good (3 – 5 weeks) Ripens slowly
<b>Availability</b>	Wk 4 Jan – Wk 1 March	Wk 3 Feb – Wk 2 April	Wk 3 Feb – Wk 4 March	Wk 2 March – Wk 3 April

