

Ouachita

Type - Thornless, very erect canes.

Date of Release - 2003; plant patent #17,162.

Fruit Size - Average 6.0 to 6.5 g/berry; larger than Navaho but not as large as Apache.

Flavor/Sweetness - Very good, rated near that of Navaho; soluble solids (percent sugar) averages 10-11%.

Yield - Consistently high yielding in research trials; comparable to exceeding Apache and Navaho and consistently exceeds Arapaho.

Maturity Date - Ripens beginning approximately June 12 at Clarksville, Arkansas, and fruiting extends for about five weeks. Ripening season is between that of Arapaho and Navaho.

Disease Resistance - Resistant to double blossom/rosette in tests in Louisiana; no orange rust observed; very limited fruit anthracnose observed.

Comments - Fruit storage and handling potential very good, near that of Navaho; hardiness similar to other Arkansas thornless; root cutting sprouting or propagation potential appears higher than other thornless.

