

Himbo-Top[®]



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**An attractive autumn
fruiting raspberry for the
discriminating palette**

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Here is all the precise information on this variety:

Breeding

Crossing: Autumn Bliss × Himbo-Queen®, var. 'Rafzeter'.
Breeder: Peter Hauenstein, Rafz/Switzerland.

Quality assurance

The plants are examined every year in a specially arranged test garden for variety, plant vigour, health, yield and fruit quality. Out of more than 50 plants only the two best are used as "elite"-plants for further propagation. This ensures that the original plant properties are retained or even surpassed.

Plant

Growth: Sturdy one-year growth with a height of 1.8 metres forming high shoots with little excess, but always sufficient for a full yield.

Resistance: Even on soils that can be demonstrated to be contaminated with the raspberry root rot fungus (*Phytophthora fragariae* var. *rubi*), experience to date shows that the Himbo-Top remains absolutely healthy.

Maturity: Harvesting normally begins 6–8 days after Autumn Bliss, from early to mid-August and will last for 6 to 8 weeks.

Yields: Well above average – up to 50 percent higher than from well known varieties.

Fruit properties

Fruit: Large, medium-firm to firm, shiny, attractive glowing red, fruit size hardly diminishing until the end of the harvest season. The berries are easily plugged so can be picked very efficiently.

Aroma: Intensive, refreshing raspberry aroma with a high sugar content and a fine acid note.

Use: Suitable for fresh consumption, for fine patisseries, jellies, desserts and bakery goods. Have a low sugar requirement and hold their shape well when frozen.

Planting and care

Plant in humus-rich, well-drained soil, ideally on a slight slope with compost. Recommended planting distances: between rows

250–300 cm and 40–50 cm within the row. Because of the heavy yield and the concentrated harvest, Himbo-Top requires a wire framework similar to that used for summer raspberries. In areas with frequent rainfall it is possible to prolong the harvest period by growing under protection.

Fertiliser

Himbo-Top is a vigorous variety, so fertiliser should be used with caution. It can have a positive effect on stem growth and on the firmness and aroma of the fruit without reducing the yield.

Important: Himbo-Top is an autumn fruiting raspberry and therefore bears fruit on the primocanes. After harvesting the stems should be cut off at ground level.

Market opportunities/Cultivation value

Commercial fruit-farming: Himbo-Top is setting new standards in commercial fruit-farming with its firm berries and its attractive, glowing, light red colour (which does not tend to darken), and the great ease with which it can be picked. Himbo-Top has achieved top prices at a number of international fruit markets.

Domestic gardening: Himbo-Top is a clear improvement on previous varieties. The timing of ripening, just after the summer holiday period, is ideal for the amateur gardener. The expense of the necessary wire framework pays off in the greater yield.

Registered variety and trademark

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The trademark Himbo-Top® is registered in Switzerland under the number 481.664 and internationally under the number 752.754 as a trade name and graphic device.

Application has been made for registration of the variety in the EU and other countries under the designation 'Rafzaqu'. The owner of the registered variety and trademark and the party authorised to enter into licensing and marketing contracts is:

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