

Gladiator (TH1872)

Early to mid-season Southern High Bush blueberry



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GLADIATOR BENEFITS

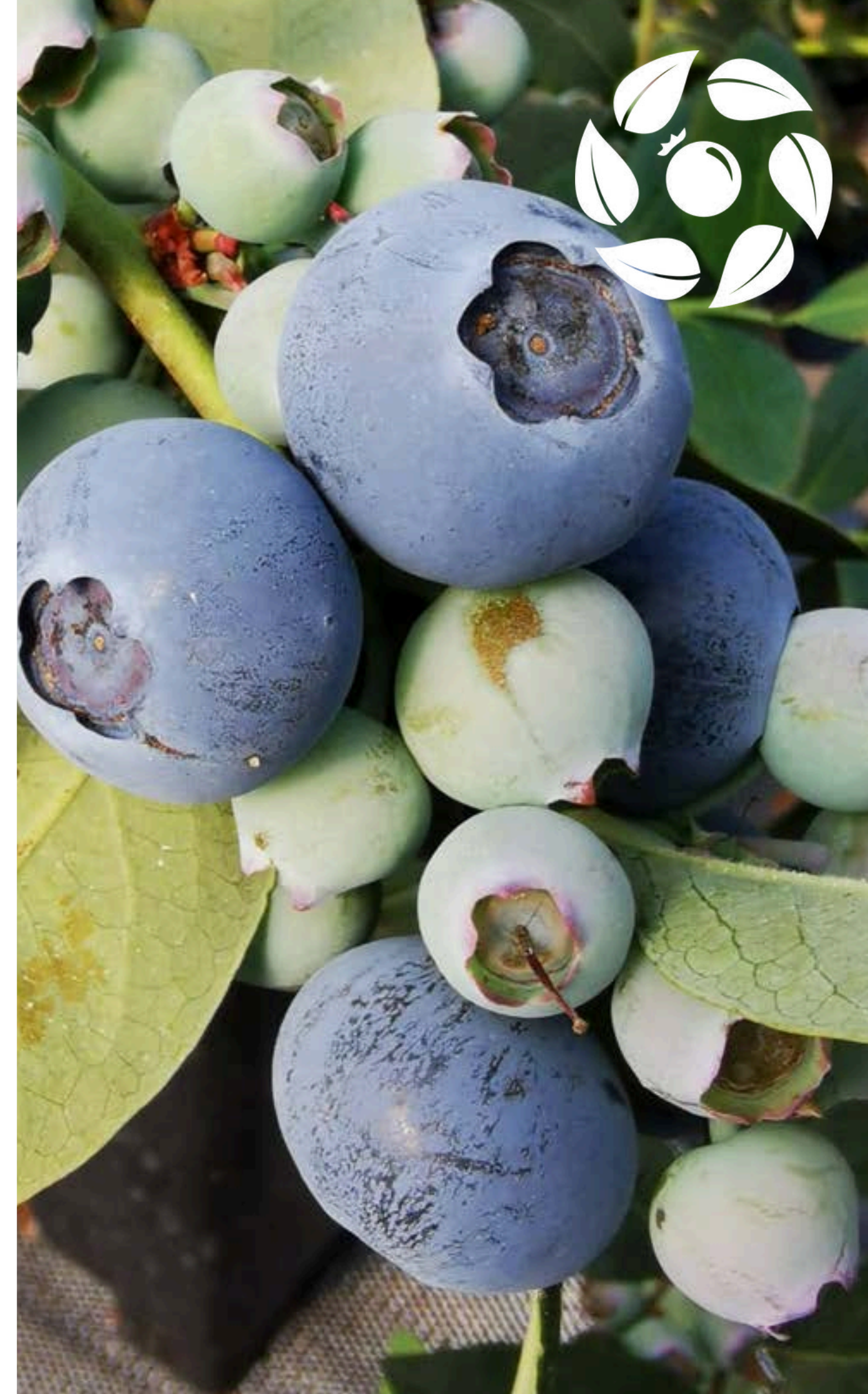
- High yielding
- Outstanding flavour
- Very firm

Background -

Gladiator firmly deserves its status as part of the "Blue Angels" series of blueberries. Gladiator was bred at the University of Georgia USA by Dr Scott NeSmith. Gladiator was continually outstanding in the blueberry trials, proving to be a great early to mid-season variety. The plants of Gladiator are upright and vigorous with good disease resistance producing great quality, well displayed fruit.

The fruit -

Gladiator blueberry ripens just after Georgia - 1797 producing excellent crisp, sweet berries with a high Brix and average acidity. The eating quality is consistently very good. The berries of Gladiator are round in shape averaging 18 – 22mm in diameter with the majority of the crop falling into the 18-20mm category. The colour of Gladiator is medium to light blue with an exceptional bloom. The berries of Gladiator blueberry are very firm with a great shelf life.





GLADIATOR IN ACTION



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GLADIATOR OVERVIEW

Firmness

Very firm berries
with good shelf life

Chilling

0 -200 hours

Fruit Size

18–22mm in diameter.
Average being 18–20mm
Berry weights 1.8-2.2g

Fruit Colour

Gladiator is light blue in
colour with an
exceptional blue

Yield

4kg per plant,
and increasing

Agronomy

Upright vigorous plants
showing little signs of
rust and no
Botryosphaeria spp

Seasonality

Gladiator is an exceptionally
early premium variety
Ripens just after Georgia-
1797

Flavour

Outstanding flavour.
Crisp and sweet with a
good acid balance



GLADIATOR OVERVIEW

Market

- Gladiator deserves its position in the premium "Blue Angels" blueberry series, producing attractive excellent flavored berries with a good shelf life making sure it is a sure winner for Fresh Market blueberry growers

Offer

- Gladiator is licensed for trials and commercialization in a number of key blueberry growing areas internationally
- For all Gladiator licencing enquiries please contact Rupert - rupert@globalplantgenetics.com - see last page





EVALUATION RESULTS

	Chill Hours	Berry Size	Berry Scar	Berry Colour	Berry Firmness	Berry Flavour	Plant Vigour
Gladiator	0 - 200	8.5	8	7	8	8	8.5
Star	400	7	7	7.5	7.2	7.2	7.5
Suziblue	300	7.5	7	7	7.5	7.5	6.5
Maverick	0	7.5	8	7	8	8	8
Georgia-1797	100 - 200	8	8	7	8.5	8.5	8



GLADIATOR REVIEW

"Gladiator blueberry is an outstanding variety producing very firm berries crisp and sweet in flavour from an upright vigorous plant. "

Stefan Belakov. Plants365 Ltd

If you are interested in the Gladiator blueberry,
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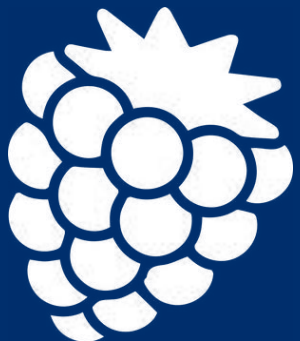
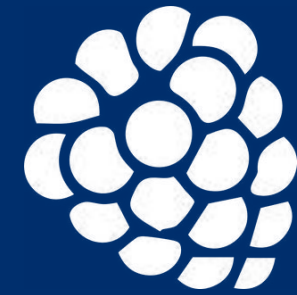
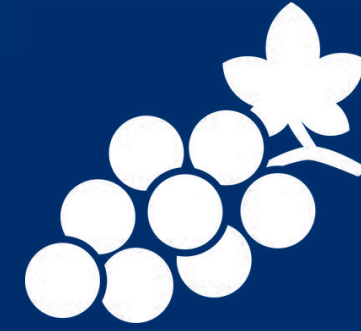
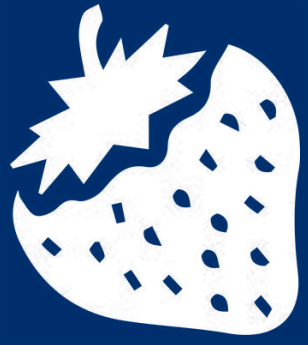
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