

# Primosole mandarin

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Figure 1. A Primosole mandarin tree.



Figure 2. Primosole mandarins.

## Estimated maturity period

Region	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Riverina												
Sunraysia												

## Origin

The Primosole mandarin is a hybrid of Miho satsuma × Carvalhais mandarin bred in Italy. It was introduced to Australia by Auscitrus as a public variety.

## Fruit quality

Table 1. Primosole mandarin fruit quality\* characteristics.

Skin	Yellow–green, easy peel, soft, susceptible to Alternaria spot.
Average rind thickness (mm)	6.5
Internal quality	Low sugar, acid and juice. Bland taste with chewy texture.
Average number of seeds	<3
Juice per cent (%)	42
°Brix	8.2
Acid per cent (%)	0.55
Brix:acid ratio	14.9
Average fruit weight (g)	210
Average fruit diameter (mm)	72

\*Juice quality levels considered adequate for harvest and developed by sequential analysis of fruit from top-worked evaluation trees.

## Comments

- Harvested green in Italy. It begins the citrus harvest season.
- Primosole would require ethylene de-greening in Australia.
- The fruit is soft and becomes puffy the longer it is held on the tree.
- Low °Brix and acid levels give the fruit a 'bland' taste.
- Short harvest season, with fruit prone to internal granulation and rind breakdown.
- The fruit has granulated at the Sunraysia site in 2008 and 2009 and the West Australian evaluation site in 2009.
- Similar susceptibility to sunburn as Satsuma mandarin.

**There is no commercial interest for Primosole in Australia.**

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