

Gourmandine.

(CHARLOTTE x ESTIMA)



Market Outlet:
Salad & Table

Voted Saveur the l'Année (Flavour of the Year) by French consumers in 2009, 2012, 2013 & 2014.

General

Gourmandine is a salad variety with a long shape, yellow skin and creamy yellow flesh colour. It yields good tuber numbers of a uniform size with shallow eyes. It has firm cooking qualities and an attractive appearance on the plate when eaten either as a salad or general table potato. As its name implies, it is recognised as a gourmet eating variety. It holds dormancy well so can store for up to 8 months.

Maturity

Second Early

Cultivation

It is advisable to warm up Gourmandine or chit it to break dormancy. It can be slow to start, but once it has got going the canopy development is strong. Planting directly from cold store, or removal of sprouts should be avoided as it will likely effect yield. Plant spacing for 30/50mm seed is about 25cm (54,000 plants per Ha). Use of Metribuzin (eg. Sencorex) may affect the foliage and reduce yield so care must be taken. Gourmandine is resistant to bruising but can be susceptible to Alternaria (Early Blight), so Early Blight treatment is advised.

Fertiliser Treatment Suggestions

The recommendation for Nitrogen is 25Kgs more than standard. The recommendation for Potassium and Phosphate is standard. Extra Potassium is not necessary.

Storage

Gourmandine has a very good dormancy and is suitable for long term storage at a temperature of about 5°C.

Resistance

Its resistance to Powdery Scab is good. Gourmandine is resistant to Virus A and Wart Disease fysio 1. It can be susceptible to Blackleg and Virus X, and if the conditions prevail then also to Common Scab, Spraying, Foliage Blight and Tuber Blight.

Agronomic Information

Scoring (1= low / poor, 9= high / excellent)

Average Yield

8

Disease Resistance

Quality

Tuber Shape	Long Oval
Uniformity of shape	7
Eye Depth	8
Skin Colour	Yellow
Flesh Colour	Light Yellow
Dry Matter (%)	19.2

Foliage Blight	5
Tuber Blight	5
Alternaria (Early Blight)	4
Common Scab	5
Powdery Scab	7
Virus Y	5
Virus Yntn	6
Virus A	9
Virus X	4
Spraing	5
Silver Scurf	
Fusarium (Dry Rot)	
PCN—Ro1	Susceptible
PCN—Pallida	Susceptible
Wart Disease	Resistant
Leaf Roll Virus	6
Blackleg	4

Agronomy

Dormancy	8
Foliage Maturity	7
Tuber Number (score)	7
Resistance to damage	6
Resistance to bruising	7
Secondary Growth	7
Flower Colour	Violet

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