Plum, Prune Stanley (Semi Dwarf)

Prunus 'Stanley'



Plum, Prune Stanley (Semi Dwarf) fruit
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Height: 15 feet

Spread: 15 feet

Sunlight: ○

Hardiness Zone: 5a

Other Names: Stanley Prune

Description:

A common commercial fruit tree with showy fragrant white flowers in spring followed by large blue fruit in late summer, considered by many to be the best prune plum; ornamental habit for a fruit tree; needs full sun well-drained soil

Edible Qualities

Plum, Prune Stanley (Semi Dwarf) is a small tree that is commonly grown for its edible qualities. It produces violet round fruit (technically 'drupes') with silvery blue overtones and gold flesh which are usually ready for picking in early fall. Note that the fruits have hard inedible pits inside which must be removed before eating or processing. The fruits have a sweet taste and a juicy texture.

The fruit are most often used in the following ways:

- Fresh Eating
- Cooking
- Baking
- Preserves

Features & Attributes

Plum, Prune Stanley (Semi Dwarf) is clothed in stunning clusters of fragrant white flowers along the branches in early spring before the leaves. It has forest green deciduous foliage. The pointy leaves turn yellow in fall. The fruits are showy violet drupes with silvery blue overtones, which are carried in abundance in early fall. The fruit can be messy if allowed to drop on the lawn or walkways, and may require occasional clean-up.

This is a deciduous tree with a more or less rounded form. Its average texture blends into the landscape, but can be balanced by one or two finer or coarser trees or shrubs for an effective composition. This plant will require occasional maintenance and upkeep, and is best pruned in late winter once the threat of extreme cold has passed. Gardeners should be aware of the following characteristic(s) that may warrant special consideration;

- Messy
- Disease

Aside from its primary use as an edible, Plum, Prune Stanley (Semi Dwarf) is sutiable for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Orchard/Edible Landscaping

Planting & Growing

Plum, Prune Stanley (Semi Dwarf) will grow to be about 15 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 15 feet. It has a low canopy with a typical clearance of 4 feet from the ground, and is suitable for planting under power lines. It grows at a medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for 40 years or more. This is a self-pollinating variety, so it doesn't require a second plant nearby to set fruit.

This tree is typically grown in a designated area of the yard because of its mature size and spread. It should only be grown in full sunlight. It does best in average to evenly moist conditions, but will not tolerate standing water. This plant should be periodically fertilized throughout the active growing season with a specially-formulated acidic fertilizer. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is highly tolerant of urban pollution and will even thrive in inner city environments. This particular variety is an interspecific hybrid.

Special Attributes

A good pollinator for other European Plums. Cross pollinators are . Growing fruit trees is a very tasty and rewarding food source, it does take time, energy and devotion to maintain so if you are up for the task. Plum trees are a fruit that are less maintenance here in the Columbia Basin see our website, go to products then fruit trees click on Plums for our care guide