



**STARKE
AYRES®**

CASSANDRA

TOMATO



DETERMINATE SALADETTE VARIETY COMBINING MULTI VIRUS WITH FUSARIUM RESISTANCE

- Compact growth habit
- Concentrated set and harvest period
- Early to medium maturity
- Large blocky egg shaped fruit weighing between 140-160gm.
- Very firm fruit with long shelf life

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Type	A determinate saladette tomato hybrid with long shelf life, suited to open-field production for the fresh and informal markets as a trellised or un trellised type.
Maturity	Early to medium maturing variety. In Summer plantings the first fruit will mature in 80 days after transplanting. The date of harvesting may vary by as much as 10 days between early and late season plantings. This needs to be taken into consideration when planning planting schedules under different growing conditions.
Plant Characteristics	Compact determinate growth habit with good leaf cover on a highly disease resistant plant.
Fruit Characteristics	CASSANDRA has high quality blocky/egg shaped fruit with an average mass of 140 - 160g. Fruit quality is exceptional with a deep red colour, thick walls, good flavour and no green shoulders present.
Plant Population	Although CASSANDRA could be grown without trellising, it is highly recommended to be trellised to 1 – 3 wires. The planting density should be chosen to give 15 - 21 000 plants per hectare. The row spacing should not be less than 35cm between plants. For un trellised production, a plant population of 10 - 15000 plants per hectare with a row spacing of not less than 2 - 2.5m and an in-row spacing of 27 - 30 cm is recommended.
Growing Guidelines	Being a compact determinate type with a concentrated fruit and harvesting set, it is highly recommended to follow a fertilizer and management program adapted to an 18-21 week period. Please contact your nearest Sales Representative or Product Manager for more in depth information.
Disease Resistance	HR – Verticillium Wilt (Va,Vd), Fusarium Wilt (Fol: 1- 3), Tobacco Mosaic Virus (TMV), Tomato Yellow Leaf Curl Virus (TYLCV)(Ty-3 gene) IR – Root-knot Nematodes (Ma, Mi,Mj), Tomato spotted wilt virus (TSWV), Bacterial Spec (Pst).
Climate Requirements	The earliest period for seedling establishment would be when the soil and air temperatures at least meet the minimum requirements for plant growth. The latest seedling establishment period would be after allowance has been made for the growth and harvest periods to be completed before adverse conditions sets in. Establishment periods for main production areas in the southern hemisphere: 1. Lowveld / Subtropical (frost free areas) – Feb to May 2. Middleveld (moderate areas) – Sept to Dec 3. Highveld (cold areas) – Oct to Nov 4. Western Cape – Oct to Dec
Features and Benefits	CASSANDRA provides the grower with a compact, determinate plant, together with its uniform fruit size and high yield capability. The variety combines multi virus with Fusarium 3 resistance, thus helping growers to reduce risks.

* Submitted for registration on the national variety list.

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