

## Sunny Creek Ripeness Guide



### Under ripe - don't pick today

These berries are usually hard, pale in colour, resist being picked and are bitter tasting.

Please don't pick them as they need to ripen on the bush, ready for next week's visitors.

### Just ripe - for eating later

These berries are usually still firm, but readily picked, brighter in colour and taste sweet.

If picked with care and stored in a shallow container they will last in the fridge up to 5 - 6 days.

### Fully ripe - for eating now

These berries are usually dark in colour, soft to touch and have the best flavour!

They are perfect for eating the same day or the day after harvest.

## Making The Most Of Your Visit

### • Please pick in the assigned areas

On the day of your visit, some harvest areas may be reserved. We thank you for respecting this request by only picking in the assigned areas.

### • Please respect the netted enclosures

The nets are to keep the birds out and ensure that there are plenty of berries for you to pick. Please enter and exit via the assigned point.

### • Please respect the fruit and berry plants

The farm is our livelihood and we have worked hard to produce the crop you are visiting.

### • Taste to explore, pick to buy

We are happy for you to try the different berries to see if you like them, however the berry patch is not for feasting.

### • Please supervise your children

This is a working farm and we would not want them to come to any harm while visiting.

### • If you don't want it, don't pick it

Your pick-your-own berries are charged per kilo and you are required to pay for what you pick. It is wise to supervise what younger children are picking - to ensure the berries are ripe.

### • Only fill your bucket to half way

If you don't want squashed fruit, you should only fill the buckets half way.

## Things To Bring

- Containers to take your berries away in
- Sun protection, hats and sunscreen
- Sturdy footwear - no thongs
- Drinks and refreshments

## Sunny Creek Organic Summer Berry Guide

Over 30 years, we have cultivated over a hundred varieties of berries - 40 kinds of raspberries alone, in colours of red, black, golden, pink and purple, heritage collections of apples, chestnuts and other assorted fruit and nut trees, which have slowly become the rambling orchards of Sunny Creek.



Red Raspberries



Golden Raspberries



Blackcap Raspberries



Purple Raspberries



Marion Blackberries



Waldo Blackberries



Ranui Blackberries



Youngberries



Boysenberries



Loganberries



Strawberries



Gooseberries



Red Currants



White Currants

# SUNNY CREEK ORGANIC BERRY FARM

The rambling orchards of Sunny Creek Organic Berry Farm are a mixture of chestnuts, apples, hazelnuts and berries which are planted closely together to maximise space utilization and reduce maintenance. The mixture of crops creates the lush garden like setting and the birds join the tree frogs as natural pest controllers, but the fruit is also netted in season to keep their minds on the insects!

This map gives you an overview of the farm and highlights all the berry patches and we will show you on the day of your visit, where to find you favourite varieties and the pick-your-own areas.

