

Chester Thornless Blackberry



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Rubus fruticosus 'Chester'

- **Use:** Great all-around blackberry — firm but not tart. Fruit won't soften, leak, or lose color in the South. Tolerates hot, dry weather. Productive canes yield berries perfect for fresh-eating, preserves, and baking. Summer-bearing floricanes. Late season. Ripens in July. Self-pollinating.
- **Exposure/Soil:** This cultivar prefers sun and well-drained, moderately fertile soil, but unlike most other red raspberries does not require a cold winter and gradual spring to produce good fruit. Partial shade and a cool mulch may be beneficial.
- **Growth:** Grows 4-5' tall and wide. Plants are erect and self-supporting, very winter hardy with no disease problems following a fungicide program consisting of one application of liquid lime-sulfur at budbreak.
- **Hardiness:** Zone 5-9; Perennial
- **Foliage:** Deciduous; In spring and summer, the leaves are shiny dark green above and gray-green below, turning to burgundy in fall and winter.
- **Flowers:** Excellent for fresh eating, jams, jellies, and pies. A recent USDA introduction with glossy, jet black fruit that have to be seen to be believed. The largest fruiting thornless blackberry grown, individual fruits measure up to 1 inch long, as big as small plums. The flowers are a light pink and decorative. Just 45 berries will fill a quart basket, compared to more than 100 regular blackberries.

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