

# Beer's Black Fig



. An exceptional fig for drying,  
but especially for fresh eating.

## *Ficus carica* 'Beer's Black'

- **Use:** A dwarf fig tree that produces medium- sized figs with a reddish-pink center and a violet exterior skin. Similar to 'Violette de Bordeaux,' this is one of the best figs for eating and making preserves. 'Beer's Black' is self-pollinating, and it produces an early breba crop in the spring and then another crop of figs in the fall. A lovely addition to your potted container collection or plant directly into the ground in your outdoor garden space. **Please be sure to read the Home Garden Figs article from UGA on our Plant Information Page on the website.**
- **Exposure/Soil:** Grow in full sun. Well-drained, rich soil. pH of 5.5 to 6.5 necessary.
- **Growth:** When your tree matures, it will be approximately 10 - 20' tall x 10 - 20' wide. Plant 10-15' apart.
- **Hardiness:** Zone 7-10; Tree.
- **Foliage:** Deciduous. . Do not prune mature Celeste trees heavily because this can reduce the crop.
- **Flower/ Fruit:** . Picture-perfect on the plate. The rich magenta flesh is royal next to the violet skin; this fruit is worthy of a painting by one of the great masters. Often confused with Mission and Violette de Bordeaux figs, but should not be; the leaves are different as is the flavor. Beer's Black are of medium size and have that rich, sweet, buttery unctuousness so sought after in a great fig. "Closed eye" when ripe; helps resist splitting and souring Self-pollinating. Ripens in July.

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