

Crimson Night Raspberry



Rubus idaeus 'Crimson Night'

- **Use:** An introduction from Cornell University, the primocane Crimson Night Raspberry is a great choice for extending the raspberry harvesting season well into fall. It produces an abundant crop of dark raspberry, exceptionally sugar-sweet berries beginning in late summer often continuing to first frost, which for raspberries is later than ever before. The fruits are firm and very easy to pick, easily releasing from the plant, and they have a long shelf life. The berries are excellent for fresh eating, in fruit and other salads, for sauces, muffins and breads, and smoothies, ice cream, popsicles and other deserts. If you're looking for edible plants that are easy to grow and take up little space, definitely consider Crimson Series raspberries.
- **Exposure/Soil:** This cultivar prefers mostly sun (a little afternoon shade) and well-drained, moderately fertile soil. We recommend a soil pH level of 6.5 - 6.8 for raspberry plants so amend red clay with lime and organic compost.
- **Growth:** Rapid growth to 4-6' tall and wide. Upright and vigorous growth.
- **Hardiness:** Zone 4a-8b (protect from afternoon heat in zone 8); Perennial -Vine. Using frost cloth in November you can extend your picking season even longer.
- **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:** The berries are medium large with excellent flavor, and the darker color is not found in supermarkets. The shiny, conical fruit are very attractive in a container at a farm stand. They are self-fertile plants that will produce fruit even if only one plant is grown.
- **Pruning:** Crimson Series are fall-bearing raspberries and are much easier to manage than summer-bearers. Fall raspberries produce a large fall crop on this year's new canes (called Primocanes or Everbearing). Fall-bearers are generally cut down entirely within 1 to 2 inches of the ground during the dormant season (late winter). This method of pruning allows for one large crop in the fall.

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