

Cultural Tips For The Successful Grower

Prime Ark 45 Blackberry

Prime Ark 45 is a new "Primocane" fruiting blackberry for temperature sensitive areas. Prime Ark 45 will grow a cane and produce fruit during the same growing season (similar to everbearing raspberries). Prime Ark 45 will allow the berries to be grown anywhere the summer is long enough to grow the cane and ripen the fruit. There is still much to be learned as to the proper culture in growing this type of blackberry. Prime Ark 45 has the ability to produce two crops in traditional blackberry growing areas. One crop in the fall from the primocanes (new cane growth) and a summer crop the following year from the floral canes (overwintered canes). Zones 4-8.



Planting Instructions: Blackberries need full sun. They aren't fussy about soils, although good drainage is important. If the soil has a good amount of humus, so much the better, but average fertility is all they need. Do not plant blackberries where any other brambles have been growing; diseases can build up over time and one of the easiest ways to avoid problems is to start fresh on a new site. Because wild blackberries and raspberries can harbor diseases and pests, try to keep your garden plants at least 300 feet from any wild relatives. Also avoid planting where any nightshade family members - tomatoes, potatoes, eggplants, peppers - grew in the last 2 years, as they can transmit verticillium wilt to blackberry plants.

Variety	Zone	Season	Size	Classification	Exposure	Flavor	Spacing
Prime Ark 45	4-8 	 Late Summer	 Medium	Trailing Everbearing Blackberry	Full Sun 	Sweet Juicy	4-6 Feet

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