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All Caithness Varieties are bred in the pure climate of Caithness and are nurtured to full and productive status on high-health farms in Perthshire, Fife and Angus.



Caithness Potatoes Ltd.

Variety Information

MERLIN

General Description

Merlin is an extremely attractive parti-coloured red eyed variety with cream flesh. Has a long dormancy and expresses good resistance to powdery scab and potato virus Y.



Tolerance to potato cyst nematodes. Also will tolerate heat and drought.

This variety has now been identified as a hot climate export variety tailored towards the Canary Islands, Mediterranean and Iberian markets.

Also has a **niche** for some pre-pack outlets in the UK.

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Agronomic Features

Parentage: Cara + 93/2

Breeder: Caithness Potato Breeders Ltd.

Plant Breeders Rights: Granted 1997
Expires 2027

General Physiology:

Early maincrop variety with round oval, parti coloured, red eyed tubers and cream flesh.

Plant: Tall semi-erect with medium number of sized stems. Large mid green matt leaf.

Leaf: Large narrow primary leaflets with plain margin. Medium number of secondary leaflets. Terminal leaflet overlapped.

Flowers: Medium numbers of purple flowers on a long stalk.

Berries: Rare



Additional Variety Characteristics

Storability: Medium – long term

Bruising: Medium resistance

Drought: Medium to high resistance

Dormancy: Long term

Gangrene: Medium resistance

Spraing: Medium to high resistance

Potato Virus Y: Medium resistance

Potato Leaf Roll Virus: Medium resistance

Common Scab: Medium to high resistance

Black Leg: High resistance

Tuber Blight: Medium resistance

Foliage Blight: Medium resistance

