

'Australian Sunrise'[®] lime

(*Microcitrus australasica* x (*Fortunella* sp. x *Citrus reticulata* 'Calamondin'))



'Australian Sunrise'[®] lime was selected from a cross between a Calamondin (mandarin crossed with cumquat) and a native finger lime (*Citrus australasica* var. *sanguinea*).

Description and Use

Fruits are pear shaped and usually 30-45mm long. The juice has an acid sweet lime flavour with a light floral aroma. Fruits can be eaten fresh but generally traded as whole, frozen. The fruit has a refreshing sharp, distinct lime flavour. They can be use range of products as in cordials, beverages, conserves, puree, pastes, sauces, glace', marmalade, syrups and garnishes.

Quality requirements

- Skin should be a strong golden colour
- Skin should be free of blemishes and insect damage
- Spined citrus bug (*Biprorulus bibax*) can reduce fruit quality.
- Packaged fruit must be free from foreign matter.

Postharvest handling

- Fruit should be refrigerated as soon as possible after harvest and should preferably be frozen within 24 hours of harvest.
- Fruit can be kept in low temperature storage (freezer -20°C) for up to 24 months.
- Store sealed hygienically in food grade polyethylene bags or sealed plastic containers. Better storage and shipping performance can be obtained from polyester or metallized polyester (112 micron) bags.
- Packaged product should preferably be labelled with common and botanical names, date, area of harvest and harvester details.
- Foods Standards Australia New Zealand <http://www.foodstandards.gov.au/> has information related to food standards and food safety (see Guide to the new Food Standards Code).
- If microbiological testing of produce is required, contact the local state authority (e.g. Department of Health) for guidance on accessing test laboratories.



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