

***Granadilla Ester PBR (ZA 941080) /Passion Fruit***

*Granadilla Ester* *PBR* is a true South African cultivar as it was first discovered by Mr J.C Esterhuysen on his farm in the Limpopo area in 1995.

*Granadilla Ester PBR* is a fast growing climber that will produce fruit ready for harvesting approximately 5 months after planting. Fruit will occur on the vine throughout the year but the yield will peak in the warmer months, December to January. A Granadilla will reach its peak production yield in approximately 18 months from planting.

Granadilla’s are vigorous climbers and if watered and fed well, can grow up to 9m per annum once established. They should therefore be trained to grow on a well-constructed trellis where they can be easily controlled and maintained.

*Granadilla Ester PBR*has stems that are green and smooth. These produce large evergreen leaves that when mature have a deep green glossy appearance above and dull, pale look beneath the leaf.

It is preferably to grow Granadillas in areas with a year round moderate climate. They perform best when the average minimum temperatures do not reach lower than 5°C; avoid growing them in areas of severe frost, and the average maximum temperatures not higher 29°C. Although they will grow in areas with low humidity they do enjoy relatively high humidity conditions if possible.

*Este*rPBR produces fruit that is approximately 50mm by 60mm and has a deep purple colour when mature and ripe. Fruit can then either be harvested off the vine or allowed to drop and then collected. Should you be harvesting off the vine do so in the cool of the morning.

Plant your granadilla in a well composted area and ensure the soil is well loosened before planting; they have a deep root system and will enjoy the good drainage. Should you plant more than one vine ensure plants are spaced at least 2 meters apart.

Granadillas make for easy growing and are great to have readily available in your garden. They are delicious in flavour and are a rich source of antioxidants, minerals, vitamins, and fibre. *Este*rPBR make exceptional Granadilla curd and refreshing juice!