

# Oronules Clementine

## Origin

A Fina (SRA 63) mutation discovered near Nules, in the Castellon area, Spain in 1970. Also known as Caffin in Morocco. The selection was released in South Africa in 1996.

## Ownership

Open.

## General Description

An early maturing Clementine with good rind colour and quality.

## Tree Characteristics

The tree is fairly upright growing and dense with small, unique dark green leaves. Crops are light and fruit matures around mid April in the cold citrus production areas.

## Rootstock Options

Suggested rootstocks are Carrizo/Troyer citrange. Rootstocks inducing small fruit size, lower sugars and later colour are not advised.

## Fruit Characteristics

Fruit size is medium to small and fruit shape is round. Fruit rinds are generally smooth and develop a deep orange red colour. Peelability and rind oil are reasonable and similar to most other Clementine selections. Internal flesh colour is deep orange and young trees can produce slightly raggy fruit. The flavour is good with high sugars and acid can be on the low side. There are some seed under cross pollination, but the fruit is seedless in solid plantings. It matures ahead of Marisol which is in mid April in the cold production areas.

## Production

Production is light, although figures are still to be included.

## General

Crop and fruit size manipulation would be necessary to improve yields and fruit size. The Oronules is not susceptible to any pests and diseases other than those common to all Clementines. Harvest, packing and shipping requirements are as for other Clementines.

## Status, Area Suitability and Availability

The Oronules has only been evaluated in the cold production areas in South Africa. As yields are light and fruit size tends to be small this selection is not currently recommended for commercial planting. Limited quantities of propagation material are available from the Citrus Foundation Block.

## Key References

Evaluations and reports from Citrus Research International.

## Evaluation Data

### Internal Quality

Still to be included.

### Count Distribution

Still to be included.

### Production

Still to be included.

### Export %

Still to be included.

## Comments

The Oronules is not presently a commercial cultivar in South Africa. Its early maturity may make it worth further evaluation which should include treatments to improve fruit size and set.



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