Kwanza® is a primocane raspberry variety which starts fruiting somewhat late in the season. The variety attracts attention because of the fruit size and the bright, orange red raspberry colour. The berries have a good taste and a long shelf life. As picking is also easy and efficient, Kwanza® belongs to the top of the present range of primocane raspberry varieties.

Kwanza® plants develop a compact and erect crop. They have big leaves and only a few small spines. Because of the limited number of basal shoots, the crop stays uncomplicated and the fruit can be found easily by the pickers. Picking is therefore quick and efficient, resulting in high picking rates. Kwanza® starts production about 10 to 20 days after Polka. Kwanza® fruit are conical to round, moderately shiny, and weigh six to eight grams on average. The bright orange red colour is striking, as is the taste, and the fruit are juicy. To retain the quality of the fruit skin, careful picking is required and it is recommended to start picking not too early in the morning. The moisture tension in the plant cells will be lower in the first hours of the day and the fruit will release better. Shelf life is excellent, the fruit retaining their bright and light colour well.

Kwanza® gives a high yield. To get an uncomplicated crop a relatively small number of canes per linear meter is required. More information can be found below. A dense crop will bring smaller fruit and causes a decreased picking performance, while the yield will be only slightly higher. It is important to have a relatively dry soil during the night. This can be achieved by finishing the irrigation at the end of the afternoon.

Compared to other varieties Kwanza® seems less susceptible for spider mites. Aphid control could demand some extra attention in the first weeks after planting.

Kwanza® is suitable for the more experienced raspberry growers in Mediterranean and moderate climates. Moreover the variety fits pre-eminently in a continued crop with an overwintered cane. On the reverse side you will find an overview of the growing systems.

**Recommended number of canes per linear meter (at a row distance of 2 meter):**
- Autumn crop: 5 to 6 canes
- Spring crop: 2 to 3 canes

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