

PRODUCE:

BERRY

ТҮРЕ	Blackcurrant	VARIETY	Various
CLASS	One	NOTES	

GENERAL APPEARANCE CRITERIA		
Colour	Glossy black berry.	
Visual Appearance	Full bodied, firm berry with stalks attached; free from excess moisture or juice; free from visible contamination.	
Sensory	Firm fruit; thin-skinned, juicy berry; strongly flavoured and aromatic; slightly sour taste; free from foreign odours o tastes.	
Shape	Small round berry.	
Size	Berry size minimum diameter 5mm.	
Maturity	Fruit firm, not soft; > 80 % ripe (black berries) within punnet.	
MAJOR DEFECTS		
Insects	With live insects or other pests	
Diseases	With soft, decaying areas due to grey mould (Botrytis), fluffy white mould (Rhizopus), other moulds or bacterial infections.	
Physical/Pest Damage	 With unhealed cuts, holes, splits (that break the skin), wounds or pest damage, eg. chewed fruits or larval burrows. With obvious signs of pest or insect infestation eg. webs and bird droppings With aged, dehydrated or squashed berries. With aged, dehydrated or squashed berries. With deep seated bruises (soft, water soaked areas). With unhealed wounds at stem end due to stem pull. With evidence of excessive foreign matter eg dust and soil. With excess moisture or juice in the punnet. 	
Temperature Injury	With bleached yellow areas (sunburn injury). With soft water-soaked areas on berries (freezing injury).	
CONSIGNMENT CRITERIA		
Tolerance Per Consignment	Total major defects must not exceed 2 % of consignment.	
Packaging & Labelling	Packaging manufactured from new food grade materials or sanitised returnable crates. All labelling must meet the current legislative requirements. Labelling to identify grower's name/brand (plus growers name/code if via a packhouse), address, contents, class, size and/or minimum net weight. Produce to identify Country of Origin (eg. Produce of Australia) on outer container.	
Shelf Life	Produce must provide not less than 7 days clear shelf life from date of receival.	
Receival Conditions	Compliance with Quarantine Treatments (if required) for Interstate Consignment. Stacked onto a stabilised pallet Refrigerated van with air bag suspension, unless otherwise approved. Pulp Temperature 2 - 6°C for Receival.	
Chemical & Containment Residues	All chemicals used pre/postharvest must be registered and approved for use in accordance with the requirements of the APVMA regulatory system. Residues, Contaminants and Heavy Metals to comply to the FSANZ Food Standards Code ML's and MRL's.	
Food Safety Requirements	Produce is to be grown and packed under a HACCP based food safety program that is subject to an annual third- party audit. A copy of current certification to be forwarded to receiver.	

*Specifications reviewable: e.g. to account for specific regional effects or adverse seasonal impacts on quality or early or late seasonal variances as agreed and communicated formally in writing.