

Clementine (local)

A local selection of clementine has been grown in New Zealand for many decades. Small fruit, alternate bearing and fruit blemishing by the fungal disease verrucosis (citrus scab) has meant that the quantity of fruit produced has been relatively poor and production unreliable. Small fruit are often difficult to peel, and when cross-pollinated, excessive seed numbers occur.

Although clementines have a relatively long picking period (mid June to late August), fruit puffing and rind breakdown can occur later in the season. An improved selection, Corsica 2, is a recommended replacement.