

Encore

Encore was a King X Willowleaf cross released from USA in 1965. The trees are vigorous with thorny branches and a strong tendency to alternate-bearing. In New Zealand Encore can be harvested from October through to March without loss of flavour or juiciness.

It has firm flesh. The rind is yellowish-orange with darker orange patches, and is very thin but peelable with very little albedo retained on the segments. Their flavour is excellent, and the seed number is not excessive (up to six per fruit).

The long hanging period on the tree and sensitive rind means that blemishes from pests, disease, hail, and windrub are hard to avoid. Some rind greening is common in summer.