RED BURGUNDY

Okra

Red Burgundy Okra is an open-pollinated, heirloom variety that was an All-America Selections winner in 1988. Developed by Clemson University, this okra variety produces beautiful, deep red pods with green tips. Plants can grow as tall as 6' and are very productive, providing bountiful harvests multiple times a week when picked regularly. Red Burgundy is a great variety for pickling, frying or stewing. When cooked, the red color will deepen to a dark purple.



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VARIETY INFO

Botanical Name: Abelmoschus esculentus Plant Dimensions: 4' tall, 24" wide Days to Maturity: 60 Zone: 6

SOWING INFO

Sow Outside: 1 - 2 weeks after your average last frost. Start Inside: Recommended for cold climates only: 4 to 6 weeks before your average last frost date, when soil temperature is at least 70°F, ideally 80°–90°F. Use biodegradable pots to reduce root disturbance. Days to Emerge: 10 –15 days Seed Depth: ½"–1" Seed Spacing: 18"–24" Row Spacing: 4' Thinning: Not necessary

GROWING INFO

Harvesting: Okra is most tender when harvested at about 3"-4" long. Cut the thick stem with a sharp knife. The use of gloves and long sleeves is advised, as some people have an allergic reaction to the foliage. After initial harvest, removal of the lowest set of leaves will increase production. Harvest regularly.
Fruit: Pods have moderate spines and are best harvested at 3-5" in length. However, unlike other okra varieties, Red Burgundy remains tender at larger lengths up to 6-7".