



SATAN'S KISS

The hot peppers of the Satan's Kiss variety that we grow come from the private collection of Massimo Biagi, a friend who is a member of the Hot Pepper Academy:

the seeds are planted and grown in the greenhouse belonging to the Carmazzi Estate in Versilia.

We receive the plants within the first half of May, when they're about 15 centimeters tall.

The soil is prepared during winter by ploughing, hoeing, leveling:

in April, a new hoeing cycle takes place and the earth is enriched with biological fertilizer.

In May plants are put in the field in 70/80 centimeter-long rows and each plant is about 50 centimeters away from the next. Rows are watered thanks to drop by drop irrigation.

The plants don't grow very tall so the use of a supporting stick is not always necessary.

Plants begin blossoming in July and the berries start ripening towards the end of August.

In 2007 the plants kept bearing fruit until end of December, although the last plants able to bring the peppers to complete maturation were those at the end of November/ beginning of December.

CHARACTERISTICS

Satan's Kiss are sphere-shaped, and their diameter is between one and a half and three centimeters. The berries typically grow in pine cone-like clusters, very close to each other, and they ripen in an absolutely random way.

It's quite a spicy variety, good also when fresh, slightly bitter: it dries out very well, considering its consistency and resistance. Harvest is a bit painstaking, since the berries are so close to each other.

It's an extremely productive variety.

During the first year, in 2007, we thought we'd put the plants in the field in June, since we were concerned about abrupt temperature changes. In reality, the climate of the Contignaco Valley is extremely mild, except for the strong southern winds that descend upon us once in a while.

In order to obtain a larger quantity of ripe berries, in 2008 we'll put the plants in the field earlier, around mid-May, due to last year's experience (and hope we'll be lucky).

PRICES

One jar: mix, **5 euros**, pure, **6 euros**- One 5 jar package (including all three varieties): **20 euros**