‘Wakefield’ is a new red raspberry cultivar with improved disease resistance and firm fruit perfect for machine harvest.
**Variety: ‘Wakefield’**

**Flowering season:**
Late

**Harvest season:**
Mid to late season

**Fruit size:**
Medium

**Plant characteristics:**
Upright, semi-crown forming growth habit, sparse medium sized spines, high vigour, tolerant to both Raspberry Bushy Dwarf Virus and root rot

**Fruit characteristics:**
High yielding, very firm, medium glossy, very easy release from plant, tolerance to rot caused by botrytis.

**Harvest method:**
Suitable for hand harvest, excellent for machine harvest.

**Use:**
Process and/or IQF

**PVR registered:**
Granted: USPP PP21,185

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**Berryfruit breeding**

Our scientists focus on the intrinsic health benefits of berryfruit and on developing new cultivars with additional or higher healthful properties. In addition, our cultivars are bred to have superior fruit quality and taste, increased pest and disease resistance and higher yields with improved machine harvesting properties.

We are working with the Northwest Plant Company in Washington, USA, to develop new cultivars, with one of our primary focuses on the Pacific Northwest region. These varieties are bred and trialled in market, with specific characteristics that address environmental pressures in the region. The other breeding targets for our new varieties include improved Raspberry Bushy Dwarf Virus resistance, increased root rot tolerance and early or late harvest timings to extend the season.

Plant & Food Research’s new berry cultivars are addressing both the needs of industry and the wants of consumers – **tasty fruit with excellent harvest and process properties.**

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