



Top tomato guide for SA gardens

Variety	Fruit size	Colour	Fruit Flavour	Breeding	Plant Type	Disease tolerance	Comment
Apollo Imp. (improved)	Medium	Red	Traditional	Hybrid	Trellis	Very good	Early maturing. Mild flavour.
Beefsteak	Beefsteak	Red	Meaty	O.P.	Stake	Good	Compact, sturdy bush. Easy to grow.
Black Krim	Medium	Dark red	Juicy	O.P.	Trellis	Poor	Top tasting Heirloom. Unique colour.
Black Russian	Medium	Red brown	Very sweet	O.P.	Stake	Poor	Heirloom. Great taste and colour.
Burnley Bounty	Large	Red	Traditional	O.P.	Stake	Poor	Good late variety. Cold tolerant.
Cherry Cocktail	Cherry	Red	Very sweet	Hybrid	Trellis	Very good	Available with red, orange or yellow fruits.
Corn Dog	Egg	Yellow	Sweet	Hybrid	Cascading	Excellent	New, compact, high yielding.
Green Grape	Cherry	Yellow/green	Sweet	O.P.	Stake	Good	Heirloom. Attractive, tasty.
Green Zebra	Medium	Gold/green	Sweet	O.P.	Stake	Good	Heirloom. Striped, very high yields.
Grosse Lisse Imp.	Large	Red	Traditional	Hybrid	Trellis	Good	Great flavour, better disease tolerance.
Heartbreaker	Large cherry	Rd	Sweet	Hybrid	Cascade	Good	New, different, easy to grow.
Honey Bee	Cherry	Yellow	Sweet	Hybrid	Stake	Very good	New, worth trying.
Hungarian Heart	Large	Pink	Meaty	O.P.	Trellis	Poor	Unusual shape. Great taste.
Indigo Ruby	Egg	Purple	Sweet	Hybrid	Cascade	Excellent	Stunning colour. Great taste.
Jaune Flamme	Medium	Orange/red	Intense	O.P.	Stake	Poor	Heirloom. Top taste.
Juliet	Large cherry	Red	Traditional	Hybrid	Stake	Excellent	New. Likely winner for all round taste and performance.
Mighty Red	Medium	Red	Traditional	Hybrid	Trellis	Very good	Still top for taste and disease resistance.
Mortgage Lifter	Beefsteak	Pink	Traditional	O.P.	Trellis	Poor	When size matters.
Oxheart	Beefsteak	Pink	Traditional	O.P.	Trellis	Poor	Solid sandwich variety.
Red Cherry	Cherry	Red	Sweet	Hybrid	Stake	Good	Top for taste and yield.
Red Profusion	Cherry	Red	Sweet	Hybrid	Cascade	Good	Compact. Incredible yields.
Red Truss Trusty	Large cherry	Red	Sweet	Hybrid	Stake	Excellent	Best truss variety in its class.
Roma (Imp.)	Egg	Red	Meaty	Hybrid	Bush	Good	Tops for saucing.
Rouge de Marmande	Large	Red	Traditional	O.P.	Trellis	Poor	Old favourite. Great flavour.
Super Prize	Large cherry	Red	Traditional	Hybrid	Bush	Excellent	Reliable container variety.
Sweet Bite	Cherry	Red	Sweet	Hybrid	Stake	Good	Small sweet fruit. High yields.
Tigerella (Stripy)	Medium	Red/yellow	Tangy	O.P.	Stake	Good	Early, tangy flavour. Striped.
Tommy Toe	Cherry	Red	Very sweet	O.P.	Trellis	Excellent	Top tasting. Long season.
Tumbling Tiger	Egg	Red striped	Sweet	Hybrid	Cascade	Excellent	New, unusual stripes.
Tumbling Tom	Large cherry	Red	Sweet	O.P.	Cascade	Good	Excellent hanging basket variety.

O.P. - open pollinated

Improved – better disease resistance