COLOR: Fruit starts purple/black, changing to red, foliage turns dark purple under high light conditions

SIZE/PLANT HABIT: Height: 6 - 12" / Annual

NOVELTY CHARACTERISTICS: Compact and uniform; dark purple foliage in high light conditions; long shelf life; extreme heat tolerance

MARKET USE: Bedding, pot; mixed containers; excellent for mid- to late-summer production, with attractive dark foliage early sales are encouraged as fruit colors-up in the landscape

CULTURAL RECOMMENDATIONS:

CONTAINER SIZE:

SOWING: 288 cell tray

FINISH CONTAINER: 1 plant per 4" pot and quart

PLUG STAGE:

GERMINATION: Emergence 8 – 12 days / 68 – 72°F

PLUG FINISH: 4 – 5 weeks in a 288 tray

FINISHING:

TRANSPLANT TO FLOWER: 7 – 8 weeks: attractive foliage, no or small fruit / 9 – 12 weeks: black to red fruit (depending on temperature)

TEMPERATURE: 65 – 75°F day / 62 – 64°F night

FERTILIZE: Every two weeks

PH: 5.8 – 6.2

COMMON DISEASE/PEST: Aphids, Thrips, Whitefly

GARDEN: Full sun, well-drained soil

NOTES:

- PGR - generally not recommended on Onyx Red
- Irrigation - 7–10 days after transplant let the plants dry to a slight wilt in-between watering
- When flowers appear, reduce fertilizer and continue to let plants dry between irrigations.
- Ornamental peppers are sensitive to oil based pesticides; some phytotoxicity has been observed under high light conditions.