The Agricultural Research Council launches “Sun diameter” – an outlying cran grape cultivar.

Upington: The Agricultural Research Council (ARC) of South Africa, together with Raisins 3 and Commodities Pty Ltd, hosted a cultural information day at Caper Den Maerson, where they unveiled the release of “Sun diameter”, the first for our South African (best suited cultivar to be commercially grown) to the region of pears of South Africa.

Over the decades, the third fruit today and the ARC patterned it in a breeding and evaluation research initiative, which resulted in a unique cultivar development project. This grape diametral cultivar named “Sun diameter” came to this. The name Sun diameter was suggested as it depicts the fruit and look of the sun, which resembles the form.

Sun diameter is a pink variety with yellowish colour.

Different characteristics:

- Excellent eating, skin thick resistant
- Excellent on local market and export market
- Suitable for concentrated juice production
- Resistant to major grape diseases
- Recommended for high quality raisin production

For more information on Sun diameter and other ARC developed cultivars, contact Prof. Dr. Balder Naude email: ted@csanet.ac.za or the Breeders or Munster, K. Andre Swart email: ted@csanet.ac.za. The Sun diameter grape can be obtained directly from Cedico and/or SARCA. Contact: 071 987 3843 (email: csanet@csanet.ac.za).

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