

Pellegrino

This variety has proven to be a true winner and has earned its place in my **Top 10**, outperforming more than **300** other cultivars in my collection—including its *possible* French cousin, **Longue d'Août**.

Its vigorous growth, abundant fruit production, and consistently large fruit—with individual figs weighing over **150 grams**—have been impressive. It began producing for me within its **first year**, including a heavy breba crop. Some collectors believe Pellegrino may be a **sport** (or possibly a synonym) of **Longue d'Août**, although DNA testing has yet to confirm this relationship.

I grow both varieties, and although they are very similar, I have observed several distinct differences. In my experience, Pellegrino consistently produces **larger fruit**, offers a **sweeter flavor**, yields **heavier crops**, and exhibits **greater tree vigor**.

Features

- A common fig type
- Cold hardy
- Early
- Very Large figs with elongated shape.
- Produces a breba crop.
- Very sweet, fruity to light berry flavor when fully ripe.
- Skin color green with purple and peach colored pulp.



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Curator's Note

These notes reflect my firsthand observations from maintaining one of Massachusetts' largest collections of rare figs, with more than 300 varieties evaluated under USDA Zone 6B growing conditions.

