

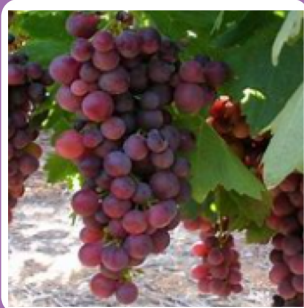
# OLIVER KAY

## Fresh Produce Update

Week commencing 06/03/2023

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### Fruit Of The Week



#### Red Grapes

Try pickled or roasted. Varieties in stock include: Autumn Royal & Flame

### Veg Of The Week



#### Celery

Spanish Origin. Adds a nice crunch to salads but is also tasty braised

### Quality Update

Key: ● = Alert ● = Warning ● = Resolved / For Info

CODE	PRODUCT	MARKET SITUATION	PHYSICAL CONDITION	COMMENTS/ACTION
75185 75389	Aubergine	Cool conditions affecting size and shelf-life	Most towards the smaller end of the size specification. Reduced shelf-life	Use stock quickly and avoid storing.
All Codes	Cherry and round Tomato	Sea fret causing uneven ripening. Size of beef may be reduced. Supplier grading batches to improve colour range in pack	Reduced shelf-life. Mixed ripeness for different batches. Some botrytis also noted especially in the G size.	Use stock quickly and avoid storing.
99769	Intense plum tomato	Very limited availability Making shortfall up with normal plum	Fruit is smaller in size but the quality is generally good	Information Only
All Codes	Capsicum Peppers	Short availability, lack of mid range sizes.	Shelf-life still reduced but general appearance much improved	Colour flash present in all codes
All Codes	Baby Leaf	Improved Supply	Quality is now good	Resolved
75069 75087 74919 74897	Cos and Little Gem Lettuce	Cos in short supply and Little Gem still very short in supply	Quality good. Baby red cos will be used in place of little gem to ensure continued quality and availability	Information Only
72433 08927	Limes	Mexican origin	Pale in colour	Information only

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Additional Information

**European and North African Salads.** We are now starting to see improvement in the quality of European and North African salads. Availability is still incredibly tight though with volumes out of Morocco 30% down. Temporary specs will still be needed for some products and substitutions required to ensure both supply and quality is maintained

**Bananas.** We were advised of significant vessel delays into the UK last week. Fortunately our UK supplier had enough stock to be able to successfully ripen fruit to the required colour. However further vessel delays this week may mean that despite best efforts, some fruit may arrive under colour. Storing the product warm and in the original packaging will help it to ripen quickly.