

Minotaur[®]



Variety snapshot

- A lower risk alternative to RGT Planet[Ⓟ] with similar top-end yield potential
- Best suited to medium-high rainfall environments
- Mid maturity, slightly slower than RGT Planet[Ⓟ]
- Broader adaptation than RGT Planet[Ⓟ], delivering more stable yields across a wider range of environmental conditions
- Improved test weight compared with RGT Planet[Ⓟ]
- Malting quality

Breeder's comments

Minotaur[®] enters the market as a clear step-up from the landmark European variety RGT Planet[®]. While RGT Planet[®] is a direct introduction from Europe, Minotaur[®] is the result of an Australian by European cross, bringing together European yield potential with Australian adaptation to our tough growing conditions. Minotaur[®] has demonstrated adaptation across a broader range of seasonal conditions and regions than RGT Planet[®], which can be penalised under drier, stressed conditions.

In addition to competitive yields, Minotaur[®] offers some improvements in physical grain quality, delivering higher test weight compared with RGT Planet[®]. The yield stability combined with improved test weight means that Minotaur[®] is a safer variety to use than RGT Planet[®] for growers looking to mitigate the risk of highly variable seasons.

Minotaur[®] is a mid maturing variety, reaching awn peep a couple of days later than RGT Planet[®] and is ideally suited to medium-high yield potential environments.

Minotaur[®] has a relatively compact plant type with moderate tolerance to lodging.

Minotaur[®] has been accredited as a Malting Barley by Grains Australia.

Table 1. Specifications

Background

Tested as	AGTB0213
Released	2021
EPR rate	\$4.00/tonne + GST

Performance

Grain yield	Please consult the NVT website for current data: https://nvt.grdc.com.au/
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Disease

Leaf Rust resistance* (SA, NSW)	SVS
Leaf Rust resistance* (VIC)	VS
Powdery Mildew resistance*	S
Net Blotch (Net Form) resistance* (VIC, NSW)	MRMS
Net Blotch (Net Form) resistance* (SA)	MR-MS
Net Blotch (Spot Form) resistance*	S
Scald resistance*	VS
Barley Yellow Dwarf Virus resistance*	MS
CCN resistance*	R
Pratylenchus Neglectus resistance*	MRMS
Pratylenchus Neglectus tolerance*	MI
Pratylenchus Thornei resistance*	MRMS
Pratylenchus Thornei tolerance*	TMT
Crown Rot resistance*	MSS

Plant Characteristics

Maturity speed [^]	Mid
Maturity habit [^]	Spring
Sowing window [^]	Main
Novel herbicide tolerance [^]	None (conventional tolerance)
Head type [^]	Awned
Early growth habit [^]	Semi-prostrate
Plant height [^]	Very short
Coleoptile length [^]	Very long
Rachilla hair length [^]	Long
Lodging tolerance [^]	MT

Grain Quality

Quality classification	MALT
Screenings level [^]	Moderate
Retentions level [^]	Moderately high
Test weight [^]	Moderately high
Sprouting tolerance ^{^o}	MTMI
Black Point resistance*	MRMS

Legend

R	Resistant	VI	Very Intolerant	o	Rating based on Germination Index Values
MR	Moderately Resistant	(P)	Provisional rating	^	AGT ratings/data interpretation. Comprehensive AGT agronomic trait ratings and data can be found at: https://bit.ly/TraitRatings
MS	Moderately Susceptible	NA	Not Available		
S	Susceptible	/	Pathotype differences		
VS	Very Susceptible	-	Range		
T	Tolerant	,	Mixed phenotype		
MT	Moderately Tolerant	#	May be more susceptible to alternate pathotypes		
MI	Moderately Intolerant	*	NVT consensus ratings 2025		
I	Intolerant				



Seed Availability

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