

ORBIT

Breeding:

ORBIT are a blend of hops specially selected out of the New Zealand "Hops with a Difference" breeding programme. Stringent selection processes and long term growing trials can result in some really excellent hops being rejected on agronomic performance or other plant management issues.

Selection:

These hops are selected on their unique aroma and flavour characteristics as well as their brewing quality. The hops may be grown in very small plots at the New Zealand Plant and Food Research Centre in Riwaka or in larger selected trial gardens across the region.

Technical Data: HPLC & Oil Composition (Measured within 6 months of harvest, stored at 0 °C)

Alpha Acids 4.0 - 6.0 % Beta Acids 4.0 - 6.0 %

Cohumulone 25 % of Alpha Acids

Total Oil 1.5 mls oil per 100 gram cone weight

Concentration 220 uL Oil/gram Alpha

Myrcene 33.0 %
Humulene 33.0 %
Caryophyllene 14.0 %
Farnasene 2.0 %
Citrus-Piney Fraction 5.9 %

Floral Estery Fraction 2.8 % (Linalool 1.8 %)

Applications:

Orbit are not suitable for long term NPD strategy where flavour and aroma consistency are required as they will always have variations due to the make-up of the hops we select. Orbit is however excellent for seasonal or specialty beers where the brewer may be looking for a unique New Zealand signature aroma or flavour twist.