Kiowa

**Type** - Thorny, erect.

**Date of Release** - 1996; plant patent #9861.

**Fruit Size** - Largest of the Arkansas varieties; averaging 11 grams/berry, with some berries up to 13 grams.

**Flavor/Sweetness** - Good, rated between that of Shawnee and Choctaw; soluble solids (percent sugar) averages 10 percent.

**Yield** - High usually equal to or slightly lower than Shawnee.

**Maturity Date** - Ripens beginning approximately June 12 at Clarksville, Arkansas, and fruiting extends for six weeks, the longest fruiting of the Arkansas varieties.

**Disease Resistance** - Reports of double blossom/rosette have been limited to date, but not expected to be resistant; no orange rust verified; slight anthracnose observed in one year of testing.

**Comments** - Storage and handling potential very good, among the best of the thorny varieties exceeding Shawnee or Choctaw; hardiness similar to other Arkansas varieties; root cutting sprouting and propagation potential good.