Ouachita

**Type** - Thornless, very erect canes.

**Date of Release** - 2003; plant patent #17,162.

**Fruit Size** - Average 6.0 to 6.5 g/berry; larger than Navaho but not as large as Apache.

**Flavor/Sweetness** - Very good, rated near that of Navaho; soluble solids (percent sugar) averages 10-11%.

**Yield** - Consistently high yielding in research trials; comparable to exceeding Apache and Navaho and consistently exceeds Arapaho.

**Maturity Date** - Ripens beginning approximately June 12 at Clarksville, Arkansas, and fruiting extends for about five weeks. Ripening season is between that of Arapaho and Navaho.

**Disease Resistance** - Resistant to double blossom/rosette in tests in Louisiana; no orange rust observed; very limited fruit anthracnose observed.

**Comments** - Fruit storage and handling potential very good, near that of Navaho; hardiness similar to other Arkansas thornless; root cutting sprouting or propagation potential appears higher than other thornless.