‘RiverCot 2’ was developed at SARDI’s Loxton Research Centre (LRC) in the Riverland of South Australia. A great flavoured, sweet apricot with fine slippery flesh texture. It is super firm and robust, often slightly pale and plain to look at but very functional, with a precocious, heavy cropping habit. This variety is considered an early dual purpose apricot producing a quality dried product and is also suitable for the fresh market. It has a non-acidic profile and also cans very well.

All data presented in this guide refers to trees grown at the Loxton Research Centre (LRC) on Myrobalan H29C plum rootstock, unless specifically stated. Performance on other rootstocks is untested.

The purpose of this Grower Information Guide is to provide information to help growers make an informed decision on the planting of this apricot variety.

RiverCot 2 is a protected variety. A signed non-propagation agreement is required before tree delivery. Trees are available for commercial planting from winter 2018.

Timing of blossom: Early season (8 Sept).
Pollination: Self-fertile.
Cropping: Heavy, precocious & consistent. Thinning can be required.
Ripening period: Early. 1 December (Story, 14 Dec; Earlicot, 18 Nov; Moorpark, 29 Dec).
Shape: Roundish with compressed cheeks.
Fresh fruit size: Large (52mm av., 57mm max).
Skin: Pale orange with blotchy pinkish blush.
Flesh: Orange.
Eating quality: Excellent.
Flavour: Very good. Low acidity, balanced.
Stone: Large and very free.
Fruit firmness: Very firm at maturity.
TSS level: High (17 Brix). Suitable for drying.
Cracking: Resistant.

RiverCot 2 on tree & bloom 2017

Fresh fruit of RiverCot 2.
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