



Apple is the quintessential fall flavor of my childhood and adolescence and even my early twenties. Turning leaves and cooling temperatures go hand-in-hand with more time in the kitchen making more complicated dishes, more time with the oven on.

Apples are versatile—naturally sweet yet suited to savory dishes, crunchy and juicy when fresh and crisp, perfect for stewing and baking. You'd be hard pressed to find a way to combine apples, sugar, and butter that doesn't result in happy taste buds.

NAMES OF APPLES (AND ALSO LITERARY VILLAINS)

- Arkansas Black
- Ballyfatten
- Bloody Ploughman
- Calville Blanc d'hiver
- Catshead
- Esopus Spitzenburg
- Gragg
- James Grieve
- Jupiter
- Lord Derby
- Malinda
- Pitmaston Pineapple
- Smokehouse
- Stark Earliest
- Wolf River

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NAMES OF APPLES, AND ALSO COCKTAILS (AND POSSIBLY VICTORIAN PULP NOVELS)

- Ashmead's Kernel
- Beauty of Bath
- Blenheim Orange
- Chelmsford Wonder
- Cornish Gillyflower
- D'Arcy Spice
- Devonshire Quarrenden
- Flower of Kent
- Howgate Wonder
- Lane's Prince Albert
- Merton Charm
- Peasgood's Nonsuch
- Tolman Sweet
- Twenty Ounce
- Westfield Seek-No-Further

Colorado didn't have many apple orchards, but college in NY came with an annual trip to an orchard and an introduction to the stupid number of apple varieties that aren't found in stores. My favorite to this day is the Honeycrisp but that's for the flavor, texture, and sweetness of eating it unadulterated. If there's a farmers market with seasonal apples near you? Go and buy some. Then Google the varieties and remember the ones you like, use 'em, and buy more of 'em.

The best thing about buying apples at a farmers market is the apple-related consumables available fresh on the day. Apple cider, apple donuts, dried apple rings. Cider on the East coast when it's cold and you need a treat to keep your hands warm, donuts on any coast to treat yourself for finishing errands, apples everywhere you go.

