

WELCOME TO PORTLAND NURSERY'S 34TH ANNUAL APPLE TASTING!

October 8-17TH, 2021

Due to the pandemic our tasting lines, cider pressing demos, music, and other activities are all cancelled again this year. However we still have apples for sale, both the fruit and trees. Be safe and we'll see you all next year!

Please note that varieties marked with asterisks () are only available in small supply.

Those marked with an (S) are only available at our Stark location.

APPLES

AMBROSIA

A chance seedling from British Columbia, thought to be a cross of Red Delicious and Golden Delicious. Good for fresh eating, crisp flesh is low in acid, stores well.

BLUSHING GOLDEN

Similar to Golden Delicious, but a bit sprightlier. Good for dessert and a great keeper.

BRAEBURN

From New Zealand, good for eating fresh and cooking. Keeps well, taking on a rich flavor in storage.

BROCK (S)

Distinct sweet-tart balance. Good for fresh eating, sauces, pies. Slow to brown when cut, good for salads and freezing. Stores well.

BUCKEYE GALA

A red-skinned variety of Gala, with all the stellar qualities of the original.

CALVILLE BLANC

Classic French dessert apple perfect for sauce, cooking, and desserts in general. Good keeper too.

CAMEO (formerly Carousel)

Creamy white flesh is sweet-tart. Good fresh eating & dessert apple, and an excellent keeper too.

CORTLAND *** (S)

With its tart, tangy flavor, this all-purpose apple is good for fresh eating, cooking (especially desserts) and cider.

COX'S ORANGE PIPPIN

An old English variety originating about 1830. Crisp, juicy and aromatic with semi-tart to tart flavor. Wonderful for desserts, cooking and cider.

CRITERION

Originated in Parker, Washington 1970 as a chance seedling. Firm, sweet and juicy, an excellent apple for desserts, baking, cooking and drying.

ELSTAR

Developed for European markets, this apple's flavor varies from tart to sweet to balanced, depending on when it's picked. Excellent for sauce or pies.

EMPIRE

McIntosh x Delicious, origin New York, 1966. Firm, crisp and juicy with aromatic flavor. Semi-tart. Excellent quality for fresh eating and a good keeper.

FUJI

Juicy, tangy-sweet flavor, high sugar, low acid. Great for fresh eating and a good keeper.

GALA

Yellow flesh is crisp and aromatic. Good for fresh eating.

GALER *** (S)

Chance seedling discovered in Hood River, 1950. Firm fruit is aromatic, crisp & juicy with spicy flavor. Good keeper.

GINGER GOLDEN

Chance seedling from an orchard in W. Virginia, this creamy yellow, sweet-tart apple is great for early fresh eating.

GOLDEN DELICIOUS

High quality all purpose apple that stores well. Flavor like you'll never find in the supermarket, sweet and spritely.

GOURMET GOLDEN ***

Patented by Portland Nursery. A chance seedling from Riverside, WA (Red x Golden Delicious). Flavorful and stores well.

GRANNY SMITH

A chance seedling from cores dumped behind the house of a "Grandma" Smith in Australia in 1868. Crisp, tart and juicy; for fresh eating, cooking, sauce, and a good keeper too.

HONEY CRISP

Crisp, juicy apple rated superior for fresh eating; keeps up to five months in common storage.

IDARED

Large, bright red fruit with smooth, waxy skin & crisp flesh. Mild acid flavor, good for baking, sauce & pie. Heavy bearer.

JONAGOLD

Crisp, juicy flesh with excellent, well-balanced flavor. Very good for both baking and as a dessert apple. Stores well.

JONATHAN

Originated in 1826 as a seedling of Esopus Spitzenberg. This apple has crisp, juicy, tart flesh. Good for all culinary uses except storing.

KING DAVID

Origin Arkansas, 1893. Rich and flavorful, good for all culinary uses including cider.

LIBERTY

NY Fruit Experiment Station. Tart, wine-like aroma, good for all culinary purposes including sweet and hard cider.

MCINTOSH

Origin 1800's, Canada. Sweet, tender, soft & juicy, especially good for dessert and cider.

MELROSE

Origin Ohio. Fine sweetness with just a hint of tart. Excellent dessert and cooking qualities and a very good keeper.

MUTSU

Distinctive, spicy flavor. First rank dessert quality. Excellent for cooking and baking.

NATCO #90 (S)

A chance seedling originating in Yakima, Washington, with a firm, fine texture.

NEWTOWN PIPPIN

An old cultivar originating in the 1800’s. Great all-purpose, including for cider. Good keeper, flavor improves with age.

NORTHERN SPY

Fine-grained, crisp and tart, an excellent all-purpose apple. Standard of quality. One of the best for long storage.

ORONDO ROSE (FORMERLY NATCO #87) * (S)**

A Portland Nursery exclusive selection found near Orondo, WA. ‘Maigold’ is the parent tree, a cross of Cox’s Orange Pippin x Franc Rose.

RED ROME

A red sport of Rome Beauty, tart apple perfect for pies and other culinary uses.

RED WINESAP

This top quality apple is noted for its tart, crisp, very juicy yellow flesh. Multi-purpose, great for cooking and cider.

RUBINETTE

Origin Switzerland, 1966. This apple from Europe is crisp and juicy with sweet-tart flavor, good for desserts & sauce.

SMOOTHIE GOLDEN

A true clear-skinned ‘Golden Delicious’, one of the best selling apples in the world.

SPARTAN

Another McIntosh type apple, highly aromatic with a fine flavor that is superb for fresh eating.

SPITZENBERG (ESOPUS) * (S)**

New York, 1790. Crisp, fine-grained, tangy & spicy. Choice dessert fruit and a good keeper. Thomas Jefferson’s favorite apple.

SPLENDOUR

Originating as a chance seedling from Golden Delicious in Australia. Flavor is very sweet and low acid. Good apple for fresh eating and cooking.

STRIPED DELICIOUS

Tastier and sweeter than the newer, common Red Delicious, great for fresh eating.

SWISS GOURMET (ARLET CULTIVAR)

Patented and owned by Portland Nursery. Golden Delicious x Ida Red, origin Switzerland, 1958. Its firm, juicy flesh makes it one of the best both for fresh eating and for pies.

WINTER BANANA

Origin Indiana, 1876. A distinctly attractive apple with mild flavor and musk-like aroma.

YELLOW BELLFLOWER (LADY WASHINGTON)

Likely origin early colonial America. Large, lopsided dessert apple has aromatic, juicy, tart flesh that sweetens in storage. Good for cooking, cider, and keeping.

SWEET MYSTERY

A new variety our grower is testing. Let us know what you think! Sweet apple great for fresh eating.

PEARS

ANJOU (Buerre d’ Anjou)

Harvested when firm, after a short refrigeration period makes a fine dessert pear.

BARTLETT

Large, golden fruit is juicy and refreshingly tart. Good for canning, preserves, and fresh eating.

BOSC (Buerre du Bosc)

Extremely rich and flavorful fruit is a top choice for fresh eating, baking and poaching.

CASCADE

Comice x Bartlett. As the name implies, a recent introduction from here in the Northwest. The delicious fruit ripens easily at room temperatures.

COMICE (Doyenne du Comice)

Yellow-green fruit with red blush and juicy, sweet flesh is good for fresh eating as well as dessert.

CONCORD (S)

A recent introduction, it’s an especially great dessert pear; also good for fresh eating and preserving.

PACKHAM TRIUMPH (S)

Good keeper; needs cold storage to ripen. Good all around pear, and one recommended for drying.

RED COMICE

Discovered in Medford, Oregon as a red sport of Doyenne du Comice. It is a premium dessert pear.

STARKRIMSON

This one ripens from the inside out, so eat while still firm – you will be rewarded with a refreshing sweet-tart taste best for fresh eating as soon as it’s ripe.

GEM

A new cultivar released by the U.S.D.A, Michigan State U, Oregon State U, and Clemson U. The flavor is sweet and mildly aromatic. Gem is ideal for the fresh market, combining high yields with excellent appearance, fruit quality and long storage potential. Resistant to fire blight.

ASIAN PEARS

20TH CENTURY

A medium sized Asian-type pear, very sweet and juicy.

HOSUI

The Asian pear tree best adapted to the Willamette Valley. Crisp and juicy fruit is also a good keeper.

OLYMPIC (syn. A-Ri-Rong)

From Korea, this very sweet and juicy Asian pear is perhaps the finest of the many varieties now appearing in the market.

SHINSEIKI

Medium sized, round, yellow fruit with deliciously sweet flavor. Long keeper.

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