

The Ten Best Proven Apples for the Alsea Valley [And other warm sunny sites in Lincoln County, Oregon]

WILLIAM'S PRIDE – (Co-op 23) – NJ 50 x PRI 1018-101. Large red fruit with numerous tiny white dots and thin bloom. Light cream flesh shows red staining just under the chewy thick skin. Flavor is a nice acidic blend of tart and sweet. Vigorous, upright tree requires 2-3 pickings. Thin for annual bearing. Resistant to apple scab. Developed at Purdue University, 1988. Ripens mid-August.

WYNOOCHE EARLY– Thin skinned, red fruit. Great for fresh eating and cooking; skin almost disappears when cooked, Macintosh flavor. Will keep until Christmas when refrigerated. Scab resistant. Discovered on the Washington State Coast. An early apple with full-bodied, delicious flavor. Ripens in mid to late August.

FREEDOM – (Macoun x Antonovka) x NY 49821-46. A descendant of McIntosh, Rome, Golden Delicious, and others. Sister tree to Liberty. Medium to large, round, bright red over yellow fruit, mild flavor, crisp, juicy, medium-course flesh. Sub-acid, sprightly flavored. Good for cooking, cider, and fresh eating, free from scab. Stores until January. Vigorous, spreading tree with leathery leaves. Good pollinator for Liberty. Developed and patented by Cornell Research Foundation. Introduced in 1983. Ripens early to mid-September.

AKANE – (Pronounced ah-KAH-knee) or “Tokyo Rose” Firm crisp flavorful red eating apple. The juicy, white crisp flesh and sprightly flavor resembles Jonathan. With a sprightly tart, sweet taste and aroma, this beautiful apple comes highly recommended as a dessert apple. The fine textured, bright white flesh, which contrasts nicely with its red skin, is juicy and crisp. Akane also cooks well, and if the peel is left on while cooking applesauce, the sauce will be colored a delicate pink, also good for drying and making apple butter. This is an early apple you will want to savor in its prime at harvest as its quality decreases in storage. It keeps well and stores well on the tree. Fairly good scab and mildew resistance. Very productive. **Origins:** Jonathan X Worcester Pearmain cross, introduced from Japan in 1970. Ripens mid to late September.

FIESTA – Cox's Orange Pippin x Idared (Jonathan X Wagner), developed in the UK in 1979. Fruit color is 75% red over green background. Blooms mid to late season. Tangy, aromatic sweet flavor. An excellent new dessert apple that comes to us from the UK. Fiesta has the sweet, tangy and refreshing flavor of Cox's Orange Pippin and is a grower's delight with disease resistance and heavy productivity. The apple is crisp and juicy and at its best eaten straight off the tree. It is a good keeper. Stores up to 6 weeks. Disease resistant. Easier to grow than many Cox types. Ripens late September.

SWEET SIXTEEN -_Malinda x Northern Spy. Red-striped, conic fruit up to 3”. Aromatic, moderately acid, firm, crisp, cream-colored flesh with high sugar content. Unique, pleasing, faintly nutty flavored cooking apple. Rates high as a pie and sauce apple; also an excellent dessert apple. Handles and stores well. Early bearing, late blooming tree with moderately spreading, vigorous habit. Dependable annual bearer. Developed at the University of Minnesota in 1978. Resistant to scab and fire bight. Ripens late September.

WOLF RIVER – Enormous fruits, often 1 lb. or more. “One apple makes a pie.” Pale yellow skin almost covered with pale dull red. Soft, tender, slightly mealy, creamy white flesh. Sub-acid flavor. Primarily used for baking and pies, but in full sun it becomes a fine dessert apple with distinctive flavor. Excellent for drying. Long-lived, very hardy, productive tree. Strong, spreading, sturdy limb growth. Resistant to scab, mildew, and fire blight. Open-pollinated seedling of Alexander (old Russian variety known before 1817) found growing on the banks of Wolf River near Fremont, Wisconsin in 1875. Ripens from mid-September to early October.

LIBERTY– Most disease resistant apple ever developed. Medium to large size dark red over yellow fruit, white, crisp, tender and juicy, immune to scab. Will keep for 2-3 months under refrigeration. The flavor is sweet, somewhat perfumed, and improves in storage. Good for cooking, fresh eating and juice. Productive hybrid involving MACOUN (McIntosh x Jersey Black) x Perdue 54-12. Probably the best of the disease resistant varieties, moderate vigor, grower-friendly tree. Recommended for single-variety cider. Liberty is the most disease resistant apple ever developed, and as its name implies, growers are liberated from spraying this trouble-free apple. The breeders didn't sacrifice eating quality for this freedom, the flesh is sweet, crisp and juicy, and the flavor of this apple increases in storage. It is good for eating fresh, cooking, canning, or desserts. Hardy, spreading, vigorous, heavily spurred. Productive tree; annual bearer. Sets heavy fruit loads and requires thinning for larger fruit. **Origins:** Released from New York in 1978. Ripens early October

JON-A-RED, Stark – Improved strain of the famous Jonathan. Before 1830 it was called New Spitzenberg. The seed parent was Spitzenberg; pollen parent is unknown. Very productive. Size is medium with good management. Shape is round to slightly conic. Color is red with yellow-green ground color. Often solid red, especially with the red sports. Stem length is medium-long, slender and above the cavity. Thin tough skin. Fine, juicy flesh. Sprightly, sub-acid flavor. Good for cooking and eating fresh. Keeps until late winter. Tree is naturally small, moderate grower that bears young, annually and heavily. Self-fruitful, but crops are improved with cross-pollination. Bred for scab resistance. Ripens Mid- October.

SPARTAN – McIntosh x Newtown. Medium-size with solid very dark red skin and pure white juicy, crisp flesh. Excellent dessert quality fruit. Superb for eating fresh. It has an excellent aromatic, vinous flavor. Keeps through January. Annually productive; precocious, and consistently heavy bearer. Blooms late. Susceptible to premature drop. Resistant to scab and mildew and fire blight. Developed in British Columbia and introduced in 1936. Ripens mid-October.

NOTE: Jonagold and Melrose are also good choices but you can expect some failures. Scab can be a problem in cooler wet years. They both ripen in late October and may fail to color-up and ripen properly when fall weather comes early.

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