

Disease Resistant Apple Varieties

Nestled in the Snohomish Valley, our 60-acre orchard is home to over 15 varieties of apple trees. We've carefully selected apple varieties that are naturally resistant to scab and other diseases. Some of these varieties may be familiar, while others are exciting newcomers to the trade. These varieties are known to taste great and grow well in the Western Washington Climate.

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Description

CrimsonCrisp Early October	Established at Purdue University in 1971, CrimsonCrisp is a firm, deep red-purple, and crunchy medium-sized apple. Its crispy yellow flesh holds a sweet-tart flavor, making it a favorite for baking, is a great fresh eating apple, and a good juice or cider variety. CrimsonCrisp stores well for at least four months and holds well on the tree. Immune to scab but mildly susceptible to mildew. This upright tree with rounded canopy requires full sun and well-draining soil. Regular pruning improves fruit production.
Crimson Gold Mid September	Originally from Czechia, Crimson Gold apples remain a rare variety. These sweet-tart apples are not commercially cultivated and are primarily grown through specialty orchards. Crimson Gold is a modern cross between a crabapple and a domesticated apple. It is small, with yellow-green skin and a dark red blush. The creamy yellow flesh is crisp and crunchy with a sweet-tart flavor and highly apple scab resistant. Tree requires full sun and can be susceptible to root rot in soggy conditions.
Enterprise October	Enterprise is a modern apple developed to be disease resistant. This apple is a cross between McIntosh, Golden Delicious, and Rome Beauty with a glossy red color that ripens in late October. Enterprise apples can be stored for 3-6 months in a domestic fridge. They are good for fresh eating and even better as a tart flavored cooking apple. Resistant to scab, apple rust, and fire blight. Trees require full sun and a pH level between 6.0 and 7.0.
Florina Late September	This apple bears medium to large red apples with purple streaks covering a yellow background. The fruit is crisp, aromatic, juicy, and slightly tart. They can be stored for up to three months and are great for fresh eating, baking, and pies. Florina has the similar scab resistance qualities as a Jonathan or Rome Beauty apple. Trees need full sun and well-draining soil. Prune to open the canopy for best results.
Galarina Mid October	This variety has a deep blush color due to sun exposure. The shaded sides have a yellow wash with a slight orangish hue. Medium sized fruit with coarse yellow flesh that is crisp and juicy, offering a nice, sweet-tart flavor. Delicious for fresh eating, drying, or pressing into cider. Similar to Gala, Galarina has a better flavor, is slow to brown, and can be stored longer. Highly resistant to scab and mildew. A moderately vigorous upright spreading tree that enjoys full sun.
Gold Rush Late October	GoldRush is an attractive, smooth-skinned modern dessert apple. The flavor is reminiscent of Golden Delicious but with more acidity, and it stores well. Excellent for fresh eating, cooking, and juicing. Tree requires full sun and frost pockets may damage the fruit. Remove fruitlets on young trees to encourage growth.
Pixie Crunch Early September	Pixie Crunch is a modern, disease-resistant apple with a robust flavor. These tiny beauties are super crunchy, very sweet, and full of flavor. An ideal snack on the go. Sweeter than a Honeycrisp with a slight hint of tartness. This variety is disease resistant and is known for its apples staying fresh on the tree for several weeks.
Royal Crimson Topaz Late September	A crisp bright red apple with a balanced sweet-tart flavor, similar to Crimson Topaz. It has strong scab resistance, making it a suitable option for growers seeking disease-resistant varieties. Great for dessert baking with juicy sweet and aromatic flavor. Some would argue that this is a better tasting apple than the famous Honeycrisp. Trees require full sun and young trees require lots of water.
Sundance October	Sundance apples are pale-yellow with a pretty pink blush and scattered russeting. The cream-colored flesh is very firm, and crisp. Its flavor is spicy, full, and rich, mellowing over time as stored. A great apple for baking and sauce, with a long storage life of up to 4 months. Resistant to scab and cedar apple rust. Plant trees in full sun and thin fruit mid-June to improve size and quality.
Triumph Mid October	Triumph is the result of the apple breeding program at the University of Minnesota. Developed to be very disease resistant as well as containing two genetic forms of scab resistance, this variety is a cross between Honey Crisp and Liberty with a pleasantly tart flavor. A medium sized apple with a bright red color and shiny appearance. It is excellent for fresh eating and has a long storage life. Trees require full sun and fertilizers with higher phosphate content. Remove suckers that develop below the graft union.
WineCrisp October	Released in 1990, WineCrisp apples resemble Jonathan and Delicious varieties, and was bred for disease resistance and flavor. The deep purple wine-red skin and creamy flesh provide a crisp, firm texture. The fruity, spicy flavor is aromatic and excellent for fresh eating. WineCrisp apples are great for desserts and store well for months. Moderate resistance to scab, mildew, and fire blight. Trees require full sun and moderate pruning.