

ALKMENE aka Early Windsor

Alkmene was developed in Germany in the mid-1930s as a cross between Cox's Orange Pippin and Duchess of Oldenburg. The flavor is of good quality, somewhat aromatic, but noticeably more tart and robust than Cox. It ripens in September.

The fruit is bright red with some russeting. The flesh is crisp, juicy and aromatic, a blend of tart and sweet. Flesh color is yellow. Fruit size is medium.



Uses

Flavor quality - **Good**

Flavor style - **Aromatic**

Good for eating fresh, multipurpose

Picking season – **late September**

Use / keeping - **2-3 weeks**

Growing

Cropping - **Heavy**

Fertility - **self-fertile**

Flowering group - **2**

Triploid - **No**

Fruit bearing - **Spur-bearer**

Disease resistance – **Good. Mildew resistant, somewhat scab resistant**

Vigor – **(T-2) moderate**

How to grow Alkmene apple trees

Alkmene grows in a compact, almost spur-type, making it a good choice for small gardens. The fruit hangs on the tree well, but is not a keeper once picked. Tree is precocious and productive bearer.

Although Alkmene pre-dates the modern development of disease-resistant apple varieties, it can be considered a disease-resistant variety because it is generally problem-free. It is considered to be scab tolerant.

Pollination for Alkmene

Alkmene is in flowering group 2. It is **self-fertile** and does not need a pollination partner, although fruiting may be improved if there is a compatible partner nearby.

Historical details

Cox's Orange Pippin x Duchess of Oldenburg, Germany 1930s. A popular garden apple in the UK, where it is sometimes known as Early Windsor.

