

ELSTAR

An attractive late-season apple with a very good flavor, Elstar is actually a very good quality apple, related to Golden Delicious and (more distantly) Cox's Orange Pippin.

It is moderately ribbed with a streaky red blush over yellow, and with tan, nearly invisible lenticels (a few have dark specks in the center). The skin unevenly flushed with a subdued shine. Golden yellow ground overlaid with deep red. The flesh is firm and cream-colored. The flavor is more intense than other Golden Delicious offspring, resembling Cox, but it is juicier and more tart. The flavor increases after about 4 weeks of storage. It also inherits the good keeping qualities of Golden Delicious. Stores well keeping much of its crispness through the winter.



Uses

Flavor quality - **Very good**

Flavor style - **Sweet/Sharp**

Good for eating **fresh, cooking**

Picking season – **early October**

Use / keeping - **1-2 months**

Growing

Cropping - **Heavy**

Fertility - **self-infertile**

Flowering group - **3**

Fruit bearing - **Spur-bearer**

Disease resistance - **moderate**

Vigor – **moderate** (T2)

How to grow Elstar apple trees

Whilst most supermarket varieties are grown in warm climates, Elstar prefers cooler climates.

Though not particularly disease-resistance it is generally easy to grow, and crops heavily

Pollination for Elstar

Elstar is in flowering group 3. It is **self-sterile** and needs a pollination partner nearby. Since it flowers in the middle of the blossom season it can be pollinated by most other apple trees.

Historical details

Developed in the Netherlands in 1955, a cross between Golden Delicious and Ingrid Marie - the latter being an offspring of Cox's Orange Pippin. Patent expired 01/03/2007

