

FIESTA

Fiesta is a very good substitute for Cox's Orange Pippin in many respects, and whilst it lacks some of the depth and subtlety it is a better choice for the gardener.

Fiesta is a medium-sized apple, with the characteristic flecked red and orange flush over yellow - a very attractive autumnal colouring. It is crisper than Cox, and is also quite. The flavour is essentially sweet, but with some of the rich complexity of Cox, and some good acidity too. In an average year Fiesta is merely a good sweet Cox-style apple, but in a year that suits it, Fiesta gets very close indeed to the heights of Cox's Orange Pippin. The long-keeping quality of Idared is inherent in Fiesta as well, but although it remains firm, the appealing sweetness seems to disappear after a while.



Uses

Flavor quality - **good**

Flavor style – **aromatic, subacid in good years**

Good for eating **fresh**

Picking season – **late Sept/early Oct**

Use / keeping – **2 months**

Growing

Cropping - **good**

Fertility – **self-infertile**

Flowering group - **3**

Precocity -

Disease resistance – **resistance to scab/mildew**

How to grow Fiesta apple trees

Fiesta crops quite well. The only minor disadvantage is that Fiesta grows in a bizarre straggly fashion, rather more sideways than vertically. It flowers slightly later in the year than many other apple varieties, making it a good choice for both cooler and slightly warmer areas. The tree produces lots of medium to large sized apples. If you like apples on the large size then thin Fiesta apples as they form and you can end up with fewer but much larger apples.

Pollination for Fiesta

Fiesta is in flowering group 3. It is **self-sterile** and needs a pollination partner nearby.

Historical details

Fiesta is a modern (1970s) English variety from the East Malling Research Station in Kent, sometimes known as Red Pippin. Cox Orange Pippin x Idared. Patent expires 12/24/2010



Vigor – **moderate (T2)**