

# JONAGOLD

Jonagold is a widely-grown American apple variety with an excellent rich, aromatic flavor. It is a cross between Jonathan and Golden Delicious.

Jonagold stores well, a quality it inherits from Golden Delicious. However the flavor more resembles the other parent, a New York apple variety named Jonathan. Jonagold has the combination of juicy sweetness and pleasant sharpness that makes it so popular.

Jonagold is a very versatile apple. As well as being excellent for eating fresh, it is a popular for all kinds of culinary uses, and good for juice and cider. The apples can be picked over several weeks - pick earlier if you want to store them.



## Uses

- Flavor quality - **Very good**
- Flavor style - **Sweet/Sharp**
- Good for eating fresh, cooking, juice, cider
- Picking season - **Late**
- Use / keeping - **1-2 months**

## Growing

- Cropping - **Heavy**
- Fertility – Triploid (**infertile pollen**)
- Flowering group - **3**
- Fruit bearing - **Spur-bearer**
- Disease resistance - **Poor**
- Vigor – **Vigorous (T3)**

## How to grow Jonagold apple trees

The main horticultural issue is that Jonagold is a triploid apple variety and therefore needs 2 separate pollination. Golden Delicious is a reliable pollinator of many varieties but Jonagold is an exception and cannot be pollinated by Golden Delicious. Like most triploid apple varieties, Jonagold produces a fairly large tree and the apples are also fairly large. Cropping is generally good and there is no need to thin the fruit.

Jonagold is susceptible to scab and mildew, but its vigorous triploid nature seems to help it keep going. The tree is handsome, sturdy, and vigorous.

## Pollination for Jonagold

Jonagold is in flowering group 5. It is a **triploid** variety and needs TWO different pollination partners nearby.

## Historical details

Jonagold is a cross between two classic American apple varieties, Golden Delicious and Jonathan. Developed by the famous Geneva research station in New York State in 1943.

