

ASHMEAD'S KERNEL

This lovely russet with the charming name has a rosy orange blush beneath its suede overcoat. Unblushed skin is green. It is a small-medium apple and has large lenticels that are all russeted over. The fruit's calyx is open but very shallow, and it has a pleasant faint smell of tea. As it becomes over-ripe, you may notice overtones of lemon, pear and nutmeg. The flesh is crisp, yellowish and juicy. Tart when tree ripe. It is a cultivar that is susceptible to bitter pit.

Ashmead's Kernel is a highly-valued apple for juicing and hard cider.. Good for eating fresh, it can also be used for salads and cooking. Flavor improves in storage.



Uses

Flavor quality - **Exceptional**

Flavor style - **Aromatic**

Good for **eating fresh and cider**

Picking season – **mid-October**

Use / keeping - **3 months or more**
keeps well

Growing

Cropping - **Light**

Fertility - **self-infertile**

Flowering group - **4**

Fruit bearing - **Spur-bearer**

Disease resistance – **Good: resistant to scab
and powery mildew**

Precocity – **Yes**

Vigor – (T-2) **moderate**

How to grow Ashmead's Kernel apple trees

Ashmead's Kernel takes its time (3-4 years) to come into bearing. Once it does, cropping can be still be light to average because Ashmead's Kernel flowers erratically. Pollination is also difficult; although Ashmead's Kernel is not a infertile triploid variety (3 sets of chromosomes), it pollinates irregularly. So make sure you have other appropriate varieties for cross pollinating.

Ashmead's Kernel grows into an upright spreading tree that generally crops well, though on exposed sites it can be irregular. Spur-bearer. Requires 800-1000 chill hours. Resists scab and powdery mildew. Suceptible to bitter pit. Fruit is generally picked in October for use between December and February, with peak flavor in November.

Pollination for Ashmead's Kernel

Ashmead's Kernel is in flowering group 4. It is **self-sterile** and needs a pollination partner nearby

Historical details

Originated in Gloucester England in the 1700s.

