

LIBERTY

Liberty is a modern apple variety, developed for very good resistance to scab, and good resistance to fireblight and cedar apple rust, which it inherited from a crabapple grandparent. The other parent is Macoun.

Fruit is medium to large, bright, shiny McIntosh-type, 90% red blush. Flesh is crisp, juicy, and light yellow. Sprightly flavor which intensifies in storage, somewhat sweet and "vinous" flavor characteristic of "Macs", with perhaps a bit more sharpness.



Uses

Flavor quality - **Very good**

Flavor style - **Vinous**

Good for eating **fresh, juice, cooking**

Picking season – **early October**

Use / keeping – **until February**

Growing

Cropping - **Heavy**

Fertility - **self-infertile**

Flowering group - **3**

Triploid - **No**

Disease resistance - **Good**

Vigor – **moderately vigorous (T2)**

How to grow Liberty apple trees

The natural disease resistance make Liberty an excellent garden apple, particularly for fans of McIntosh apples. Liberty trees are hardy, spreading and heavily spurred, fairly vigorous and precocious. The fruit requires thinning in most seasons, to avoid a very large crop of very small apples. The apples ripen over a period so you do not have to pick them all at once.

Liberty will grow in most situations, although it is probably better in cooler regions. It is generally a fool-proof and reliable apple.

Pollination partners for Liberty

Liberty 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 at the Geneva Experimental Station, New York and introduced in 1978. Derived from Macoun.

