

## MELROSE

MELROSE is a cross of Jonathan and Red Delicious. There is also a strain called Melrouge.

Large in size and somewhat ribbed on the body and at the eye, the yellowish-green skin is flushed and streaked dark, brownish-red with russet patches and spots. The creamy-white flesh is firm, coarse, juicy and aromatic, sweet and sub-acid. It is shaped very much like a Jonathan, but is larger in size. A heavy cropper that bears early, it ripens 10 days or so after Red Delicious. It ripens October, but is best eaten after Christmas, when the flavor has intensified.



### Uses

Flavor quality - **good**

Flavor style – **sweet and tart**

Good for **eating fresh , cooking**

Picking season – **October**

Use / keeping - **very good**

### Growing

Cropping – **heavy**

Fertility – **self-sterile**

Flowering group - **4**

Disease resistance – moderate resistance to scab, good resistance to fireblight.

Vigour – **moderate-high (T2-T3)**

Fruit bearing – **semi-spur**

## How to grow MELROSE apple trees

Tree is vigorous, production, annual bearer. Growth habit is spreading and moderate, somewhat willowy. A peculiar characteristic is the common occurrence of flowers that are petal incomplete. Good pollinator.

### Pollination partners for MELROSE

Melrose is in flowering group 4. It is **self-sterile** and needs a pollination partner nearby.

### Historical details

Introduced by Dr. Howlett of the Ohio Experiment Station in 1944.

