

RUBINETTE

RubINETTE is one of the best-flavored apple varieties, with an attractive balance of sweet and sharp, with lovely aromatic quality as well.

Although it is a cross between Cox's Orange Pippin and Golden Delicious, RubINETTE's flavor comes almost entirely from Cox's Orange Pippin - it has all the same aromatic qualities. (shown is *Rosso* sport)

Medium size fruit with bright red striping over golden ground color and slight russeting. Sometimes has orange tint.



Uses

Flavour quality - **Exceptional**

Flavour style – **balanced Sweet/Sharp**

Good for eating fresh

Picking season - **October**

Use / keeping - **1-2 months**

Growing

Cropping - **Light**

Fertility - **self-infertile**

Flowering group - **3**

Fruit bearing - **Spur-bearer**

Disease resistance – **some resistance to mildew and apple scab**

Vigor - **Weak to moderate (T2)**

How to grow RubINETTE apple trees

RubINETTE is a small apple; it should be thinned in late. Remove all but one fruit per blossom cluster. Quality not quantity is the best way with RubINETTE.

RubINETTE is not prone to biennial bearing, and the excellent flavor is very consistent from one year to the next, unlike most Cox apples.

An unusual feature of RubINETTE is that fruit size improves as the tree gets older, with good size being achieved about 3 years after planting. RubINETTE is also better suited to semi-vigorous and vigorous rootstocks. Tree habit is spreading.

RubINETTE can be grown with some success without any chemical treatments, but a spray program against scab (either conventional or organic) should give better results in wetter climates. Keep the ground around the tree free from grass and use a mulch to suppress weeds. Clear up all dropped fruit.

RubINETTE is very close in flavor to Cox's Orange Pippin but performs much better than Cox in warmer climates, including the Mediterranean climate of southern California.

Pollination partners for RubINETTE

RubINETTE 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 in the mid-20th century in Switzerland, RubINETTE is a cross between Cox's Orange Pippin and Golden Delicious. Patent exp. 06/15/2007

