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Cherry Tree Descriptions

(rev. 03-2024)

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THE FRUIT CONNECTION DIFFERENCE - Unlike with many other fruit tree suppliers, our fruit trees are grown by traditional methods and are sold “bare-root”. The trees are grown in nurseries on the farm, on-site, in Geneva, NY. They are dug from the nursery and are kept dormant in climate-controlled surroundings until they are placed in their permanent homes- sold to the public, or planted in the orchards. The young, bare-root trees should be planted immediately upon purchase and not allowed to dry out. All the following trees are grown on dwarf rootstocks and will give a tree approximately 4’-5’ wide and 8’ tall. *Apple trees should be cross-pollinated with another apple tree, either domestic or wild, to improve yield.

PLANTING INSTRUCTIONS - PLANT THE TREE IMMEDIATELY, if possible AND DO NOT ALLOW THE ROOTS TO DRY OUT. If this is not possible, keep the tree in a cool location, and keep the roots moist, but not sitting in water.

Dig a hole, approximately 2+ feet deep, deep enough and wide enough to comfortably fit the tree. Soil can be amended with some peat moss but work it in well with the existing soil. Fill the hole with water and place the tree in the hole. Add the remaining soil and tamp it down so there are no air pockets. Semi-dwarf trees should be planted in well-tilled soil with the “knuckle” 3-4 inches above ground level. Plant all trees in full sun, when possible. Water young trees weekly, at a minimum, in dry weather. These varieties are semi-dwarf and will grow to 40%-50% the size of regular trees. The spacing between trees should be 8’- 10’.

OUR 2024 CHERRY TREE VARIETIES

*BALATON

Balaton, originating from Hungary, is described as a tart/sour cherry but is wonderful for eating fresh or used for culinary purposes- Think Pie! Balaton is unusual in that it is red-fleshed- a surprise inside every bite! It is self-pollinating, but the quality of the fruit can improve with another friendly cherry tree close by. Originally from Hungary. The fruit matures the 10th-15th of July.



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***EMPEROR FRANCIS**

Also called "Mahaleb" is a white sweet cherry with a pink cheek. An excellent and reliable cropper.

Ripening around July 5

***METEOR**

A lighter colored, red tart cherry. A massive cropper! Excellent for all uses; eating fresh, pies, juice, tarts and wherever your imagination takes you!

Ripening July 20

***HUDSON**

A crunchy, hard, dark sweet cherry, named in 1925 at the NYS Experimental Station, Geneva, NY

Ripening July 25

***ROYALTON**

An earlier, dark large cherry of excellent, high quality.

Ripening around July 6