

Columnar apple 'Baiba'

A hardy, early ripening columnar apple with tasty fruits. Cross: KV-35 x 'Doch Melbi'. Breeder's rights: Institute of Horticulture, Latvia, 2009.

Ripening: early, with 'Discovery', good storage.

Fruits: attractive, medium to large, roundish, skin bright red striped, firm. Flesh mild, cream-white, very juicy, subacid, aromatic, good.

Tree: columnar, vigorous, branching low. Bears early and very well, tends to become biennial.

Flowering rather early, but tolerant to spring frosts.

Resistances: good to medium resistance to scab, tolerant to mildew. No canker injury. Very winter-hardy.

Recommended rootstocks and training: dwarfing and semi-dwarfing. On dwarfing rootstocks support is recommended, as the trunk is rather thin.