

## **Apple 'Dace'**

A disease resistant, hardy midseason apple for cool climate. Cross BM41497 x 'Eksotika'. Breeder's rights: Institute of Horticulture, Latvia, 2009.

**Ripening**: midseason (1.5 weeks before 'Lobo'), holds on the tree even if overripe. **Storage:** 3-4 months common storage.

Fruits: large to very large (70...100 mm), round conical, uniform.

Skin: ground colour light yellow, over-colour red, with strong bloom.

**Flesh:** firm, cream, juicy, subacid with dominance of sweetness, flavour very good. Firmness 6...8 kg/cm<sup>2</sup>, Brix 11...14 %, titrable acid 0.5...0.8 %.

Tree: medium vigour, good frame. Winter-hardy.

Yield: very early bearing, good annual yields, self-thinning.

Flowering: medium early.

**Resistance:** Resistant to scab (Vf/Rvi6), medium susceptible to mildew. May be injured by codling moth and fruit rot in organic orchards.

*Positive traits:* Resistant to scab (Vf); winterhardy; large dessert fruits; early and regular yields; fruits self-thinning.

*Drawbacks:* Mildew susceptible; with late picking fruits may overripe on tree; fruit colour on shadow side may be unattractive (mottled).