



Apple 'Ligita'

A disease resistant late apple for regions with cooler climate. Cross 'Alkmene' x Vf donor. Breeder's rights: Institute of Horticulture, Latvia, 2009.

Ripening: late (a few days before 'Spartan'), fruits hold very well on the tree.

Storage: 5-6 months common storage. Good shelf life.

Fruits: small or medium (55...70 mm), uniform, roundish, slightly conical.

Skin: firm, bright yellow with orange stripes or solid flush.

Flesh: yellow, crisp, juicy, subacid, aromatic, flavour good.

Tree: medium, very good shape. Winter-hardy.

Yield: productive, tends to become biennial.

Flowering time: medium.

Resistance: Resistant to scab (Vf/Rvi6), very good tolerance to other diseases (mildew, fruit rots, *Nectria* canker).

Positive traits: Complex disease resistance; attractive fruit colour and shape; good storage; very easy tree training. More acid, but firmer and longer storing than its parent cultivar 'Alkmene', has better winter-hardiness.

Drawbacks: Smallish fruit size, needs extra thinning.