



Apple 'Saulesmeita'

Recommended for home gardens. An early cultivar with very large and tasty fruits, high productivity and easy tree training. Fruits hold well on tree and can be stored for some time.

Obtained in Dobele, Institute of Horticulture, in 1997 from open pollinated seeds of 'Redchief' (clone of 'Red Delicious'). Cultivar application: registered in 2018 (LV Nr.18003). Breeder's rights not protected.

Ripening: early to medium. Fruits hold very well on tree and with delayed picking may develop watercore. Sensitive to bruises.

Storage (common storage at 2...3°C): up to 2 months, if not picked too late.

Fruits: large to very large, oblong or elliptic, ribbing medium, asymmetrical, often fruits are triangular in cross-section. Skin with bloom, little greasy, firm. Ground colour pale yellow, without over-colour. Weak russet seen only in the stalk cavity.

Flesh: very soft, cream, fine grained, medium juicy. Flavour is very good to excellent, subacid, aromatic. Medium content of sugars (12.2 °Brix), acids (0.46%) and polyphenols (89.3 mg/100g), low firmness (3.2 kg/cm²).

Tree: vigorous, spreading. Fruiting – on spurs and tips. Early start of bearing and high productivity, medium biennial. Fruits are partly self-thinning.

Flowering time: early, flowers large.

Tolerance to diseases: medium.

Winter-hardiness: good in the region of Dobele.

Recommended rootstocks: low vigour rootstocks B.9, B.396.