



## Japanese quince (*Chaenomeles japonica*) 'Darius'

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**Shrub** - spreading, shoots without thorns. Plant habit is moderately vigorous; leaves are elliptic, leaf apical angle - obtuse.

**Flowers** are moderately large, orange, with rounded petals, which are overlapping. Blooms moderately early. Cultivar is self-sterile.

**Fruits** yellow, oblong, smooth, homogeneous. The seed part (core) in the fruit is small. Average fruit weight is 32-51 g. Fruits have high content of vitamin C and phenolic compounds.

**Ripen** in the beginning or middle of September (114-131 days after full blossoming). In maturity fruits keep tight on the branches.

**Productivity** is very good.

**Resistances:** Shrubs are medium resistant to leaf spot and fruit rotting.

**Winter-hardiness** of shrubs is good; however, flower pistils can suffer from frost during drastic temperature fluctuations.