



Japanese quince (*Chaenomeles japonica*) 'Rondo'

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Shrub - upright, plant habit is vigorous, forms many branches, shoots without thorns. Leaves are narrowly elliptic, leaf apical angle – obtuse.

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

Fruits yellow, oblong, rather homogeneous. The relation between flesh and seed part in the fruit is medium. Average fruit weight is 30-51 g.

Fruits have relatively high content of vitamin C and high content of phenolic compounds.

Ripen early, in the beginning of September (112-127 days after full blossoming). At picking maturity, the fruit separates from stalk easily.

Productivity is good.

Resistances: Shrubs are resistant to leaf spot and medium resistant to fruit rotting – different rots were observed during moist seasons.

Winter-hardiness of shrubs is good; however, flower buds on the upper part of shoots (above the snow line) can suffer from frost during drastic temperature fluctuations.