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.