# Variety Innovation Consortium **South Tyrol**



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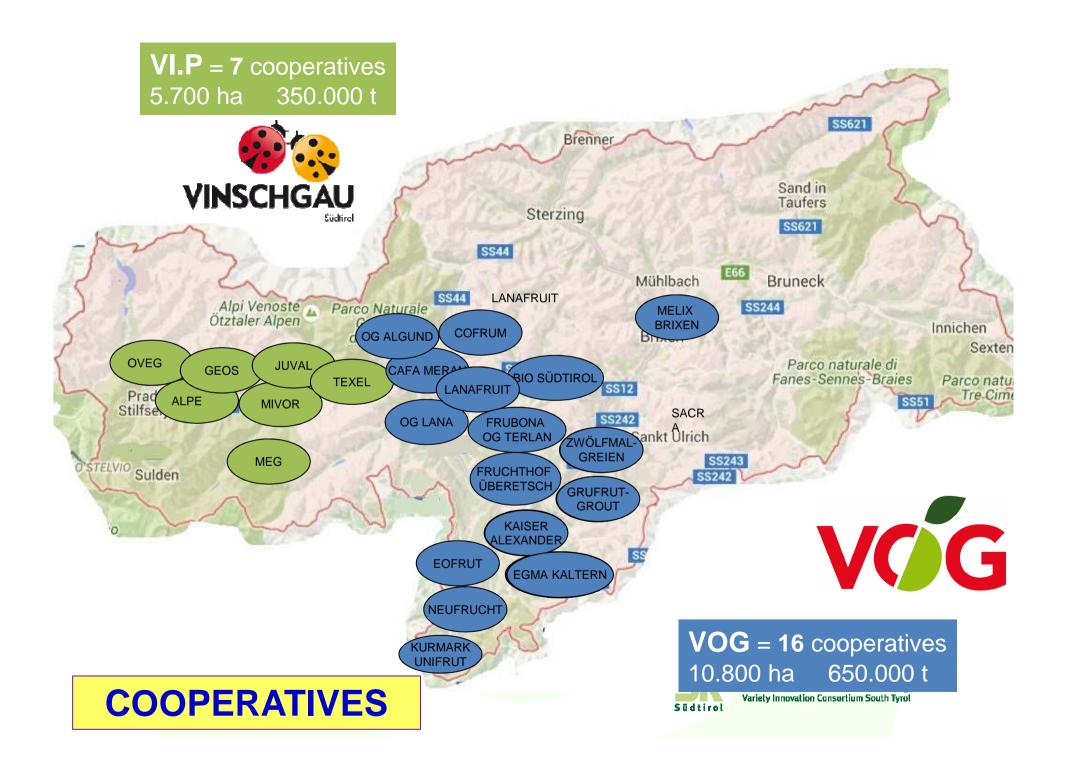






# Research & Development Department regarding varieties for VOG and VI.P

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# VOG

Association of South Tyrolean Fruit Grower Cooperatives





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### Members of SK South Tyrol

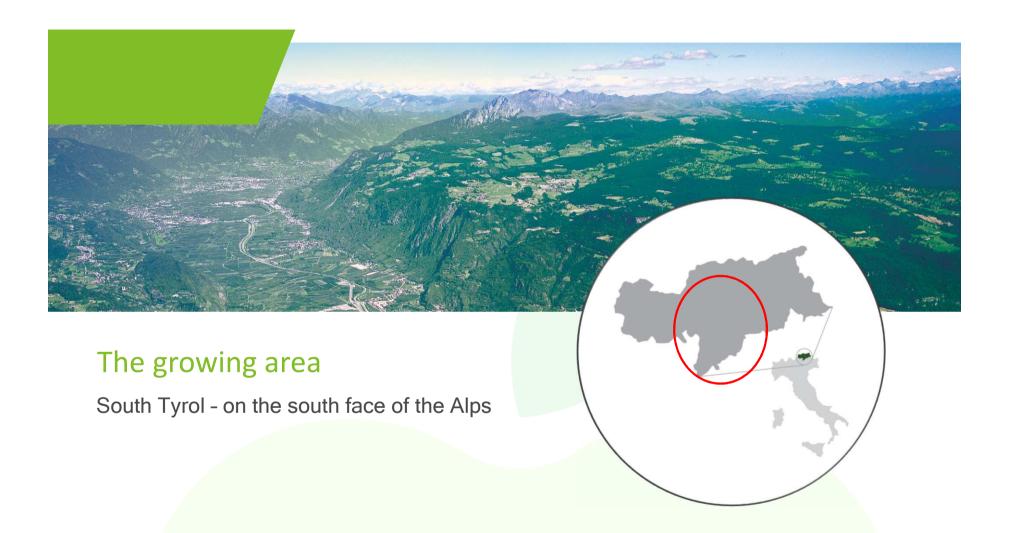




founded in 2002



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#### Structure

#### **NAME**

VOG (Association of South Tyrolean Fruit Grower Cooperatives)

#### **LEGAL FORM**

Cooperative with limited reliability PRODUCER ASSOCIATION recognized by EU regulation

16 cooperatives (4,900 farmers)

#### **Capacity and Operation**

600,000 t fruits annual production

10,800 ha in South Tyrol

200 - 1,000 m.a.s.l.

27 % Golden Del. 20 % Gala 11 % Red Del. 11 % Braeburn 9 % Granny Smith 22 % others







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#### Marketing

Sales office in Terlan, South Tyrol - Italy

Trading destinations
EU-countries, Eastern Europe, Scandinavia,
UK, Russia, North Africa, Middle East

Managed varieties:
Cripps Pink/Rosy Glow - Pink Lady®,
Nicoter - Kanzi®, Scifresh - Jazz®,
Scilate - Envy®, CIVG198 - Modì®,
Civni/Civnired - Rubens®,
RoHo3615 - Evelina® (only organic)





#### VAL VENOSTA IN THE CENTRE OF EUROPE









### STRUCTURE NAME

VI.P (Val Venosta Co-operatives Association)

#### **LEGAL FORM**

Cooperative with limited reliability PRODUCER ASSOCIATION recognized by EU regulation

7 cooperatives (1,720 farmers)

#### **CAPACITY AND OPERATION**

360,000 t fruits annual production

5,700 ha in South Tyrol

500 - 1,000 m.a.s.l.

62 % Golden Del. 15 % Red Del. 9 % Gala 5 % Pinova 9 % others











#### **MARKETING**

Sales office in Latsch, South Tyrol – Italy

Trading destinations:

Italy 50 %
North Africa and Middle East 16 %
Scandinavia 9 %
Germany 8 %
Others 26 %

Managed varieties: Nicoter - Kanzi®, Scilate - Envy®, Ambrosia





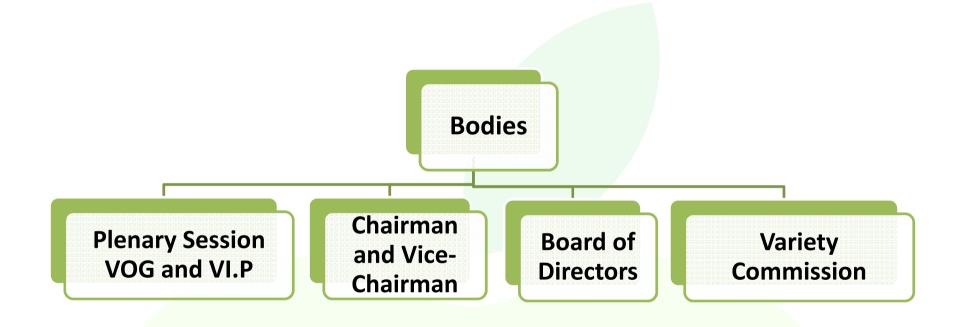


# Goal of SK South Tyrol

Long-term support of commercial success and therewith the existence of the members



# **SK South Tyrol**



### The variety commission

**Experiences** and The Research standpoints of Laimburg Station **LAIMBURG** VI.P and VOG VI.P Laimburg pursues are funneled pomological/ through their scientific activities representatives **VOG Laimburg Variety Commission** The **SK OFFICE** is **Extension** SK Office The **EXTENSION** responsible for **Service SERVICE** tests the coordination **Extension** varieties and strains and **Extension Service Service** in the **various sites** implementation Variety Innovation Consortium South Tyro Südtirol

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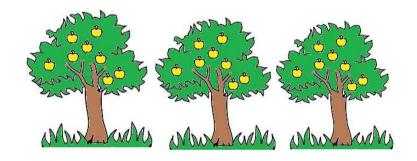


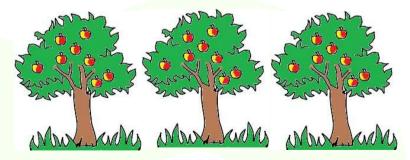


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# **Variety Testing in South Tyrol**

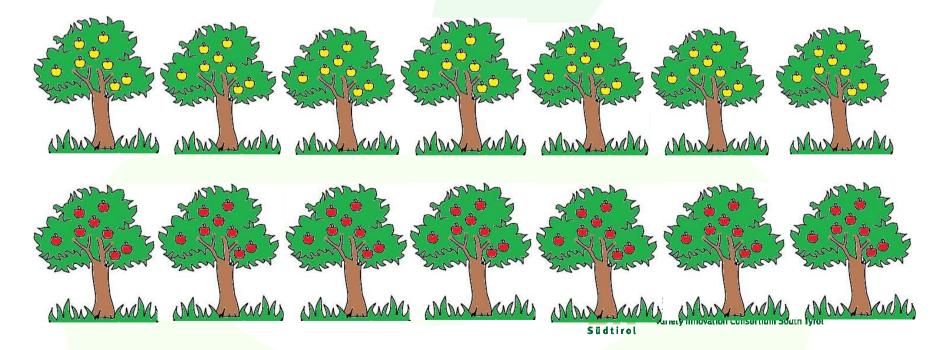
Level 1 – <u>Pomological Testing</u> conducted by Laimburg
 Pfatten 220 m and Latsch 700 m with 5–10 Trees each
 (Duration: 4-6 years)





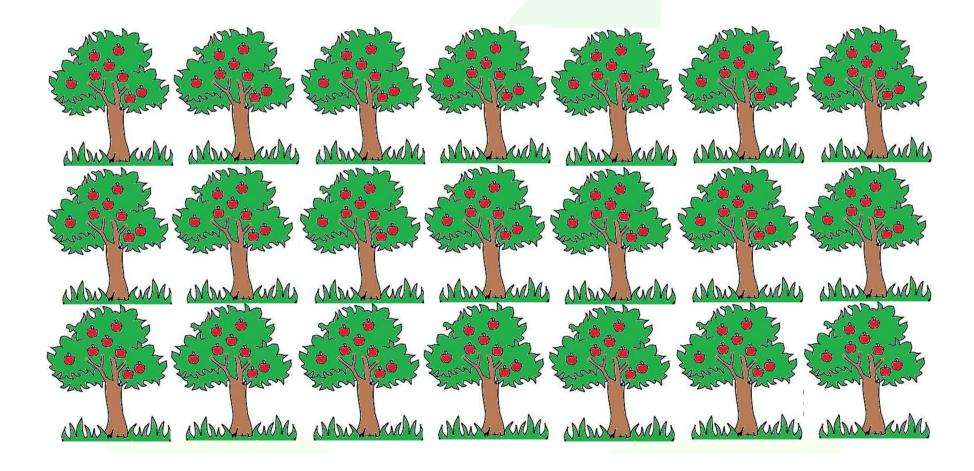
## **Variety Testing in South Tyrol**

Level 2 — Performance Test for production,
 storage and marketing conducted by Laimburg,
 Beratungsring, SK, VOG, VI.P Sigmundskron 250 m, Tschars
 550 m, Natzü 850 m with 50-100 Trees each (Duration: 4-6 years)



### Variety Testing in South Tyrol

Level 3 — <u>Pre-commercial level</u> conducted by VOG, VI.P, SK, Laimburg, Beratungsring,
 1.000 -5.000 trees in different locations



# Variety Testing "Standard"

Level 1	
Sensory Testing	4-6 years
Input Marketing	
Level 2	4-6 years
Level 3 / Pre-commercial phase	2-4 years
	10-16 years



# Variety Testing "Fast Track"

Level 1	
Sensory Testing	Level 1 + 2 at once: 4-6 years
Input Marketing	
Level 2	
Level 3 / Pre-commercial phase	2-4 years
	6-10 years

# Introduction or refusal of a new variety

- 1) Acquisition / Breeding
- 2) Variety Testing
  - Level 1
  - Level 2
  - Level 3
- 3) Evaluation of the results and statement of the managing board
- 4) Introduction of the new variety and pronunciation of general recommendation

or

The new variety is refused as not qualified for cultivation or marketing



#### INTERNATIONAL POME FRUIT ALLIANCE



#### ca. 35.000 ha and 1,8 Mio t first quality apples and pears



### Goals of IPA

 To present a worldwide platform of producers, packers and marketers to whoever has new varieties around the world

> MONTAGUE FRESH AUSTRALIA

**IPA** 

**VOG** 

**ITALY** 

**FRUITWAYS** 

VI.P

**ITALY** 

SAN

**CLEMENTE** 

**CHILE** 

Heartland

**NEW ZEALAND** 

CMI

USA

 Evaluate the varieties globally, from commercial growers perspectives

 Provide feedback to the variety owners

• Commercialize their varieties and Sortenemeuerungskonsortium Stidtirol Consortium Output Consortium Consortium South Tyrol develop royalty streams for the owners

#### NovaMela



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# The ideal Variety

#### A) For the Producer

- Easy colouring
- Consistent fruit size
- Continual high yields
- Easy thinning
- High specific weight
- Favourable point of maturation
- Few pickings
- High pack out
- Resistance to scabs and other resistances
- High price



# The ideal Variety

#### B) For the sale

- Distinguished appearance
- Excellent taste
- Unproblematic storage
- Long storage stability
- Long shelf life
- Unproblematic handling
- No bruises
- High firmness
- High colour portion

### The ideal Variety

#### C) For the consumer

- Attractive (recognisable) appearance
  - Shape
  - Size
  - Colour
  - Quality of the shelf
- Distinguished taste
- Excellent firmness, crunchiness, juiciness
- Very good shelf life
- Low price



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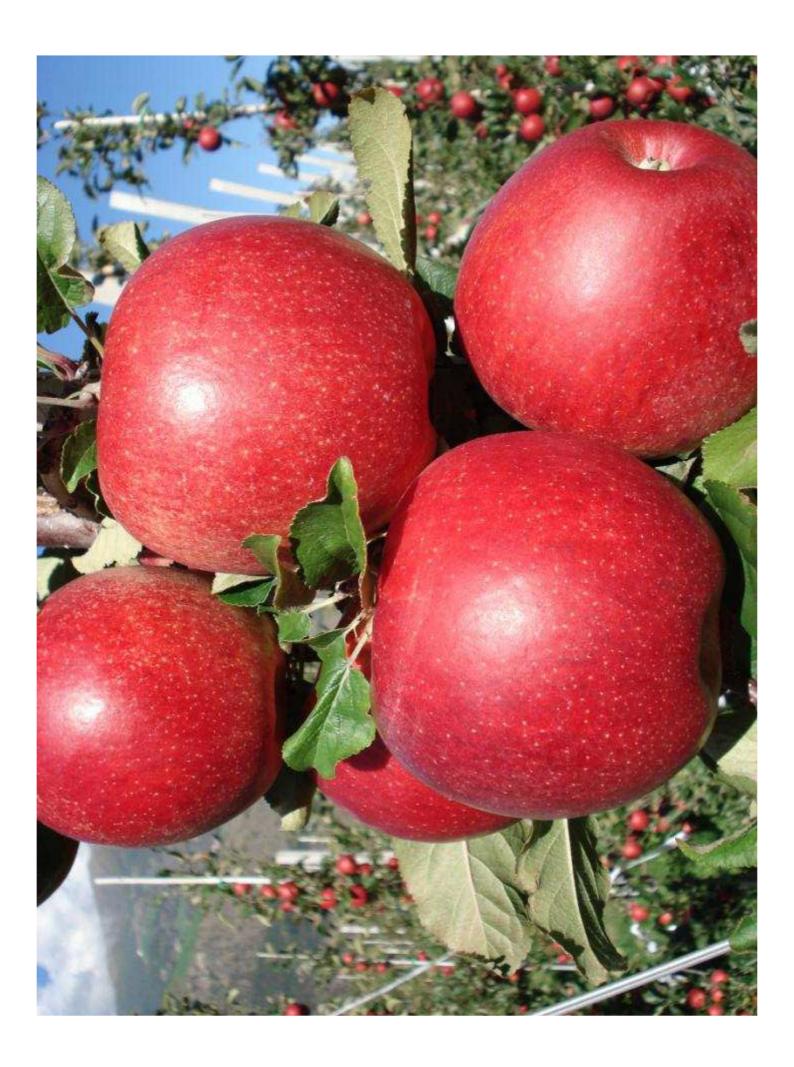


#### Scilate - ENVY®

#### Braeburn x Gala from New Zealand



- Mature around Fuji
- Medium to large sized
- Luminous red with visible stripes
- Inconsistent colouring
- Sweet, firm, crunchy, aromatic (pear aroma)
- Good shelf life
- Continual high yields
- Mildew-prone





#### **Ambrosia - AMBROSIA®**

#### **Chance seedling from Canada**



- Maturates 1 week after Golden
- Bright red covering colour on yellow background
- Attractive appearance
- Clearly sweet variety (honey-sweet)
- Crunchy, fine Texture



#### Shinano Gold - YELLO®

#### Golden Delicious x Senshu from Japan

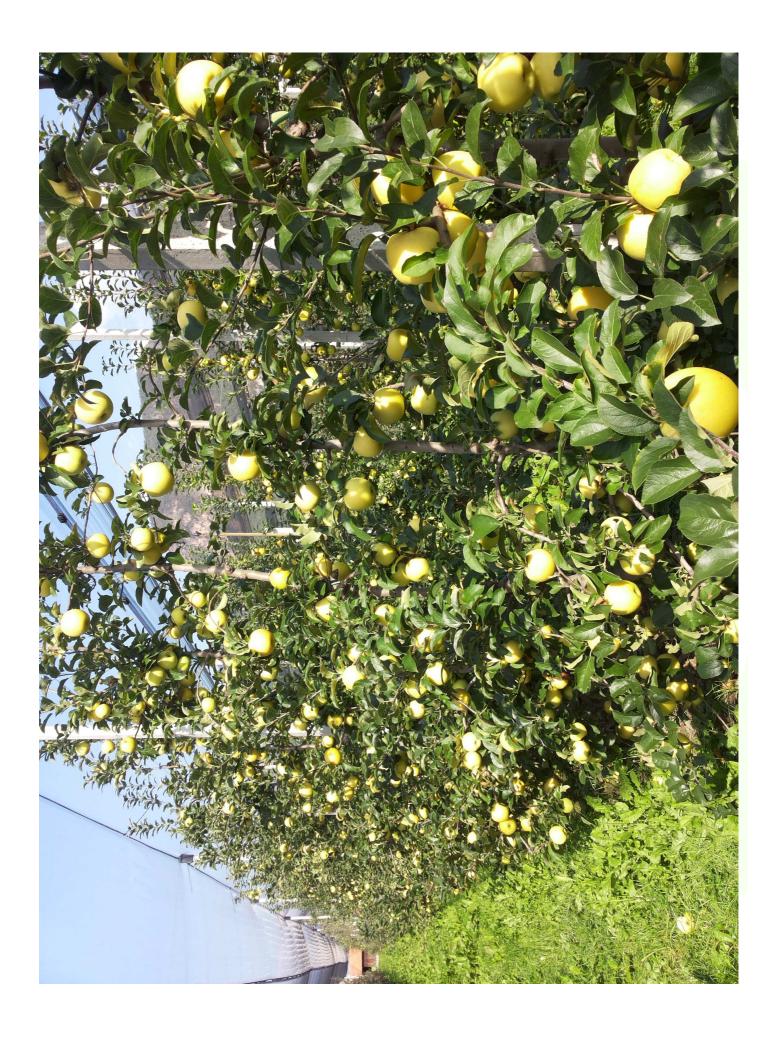


- Ca. 14 days after Golden mature
- Smooth-skinned
- Difficult uniform yellow colouring
- Very good taste
- Sweet, juicy, crunchy, fine cell structure
- Good storage ability and good shelf life
- High specific weight (Braeburn – Kanzi® – Jazz®)
- Prone to Alternaria
- Difficult thinning
- Pack-Out and Productivity?
- Prone to alternation?











### **Bonita**

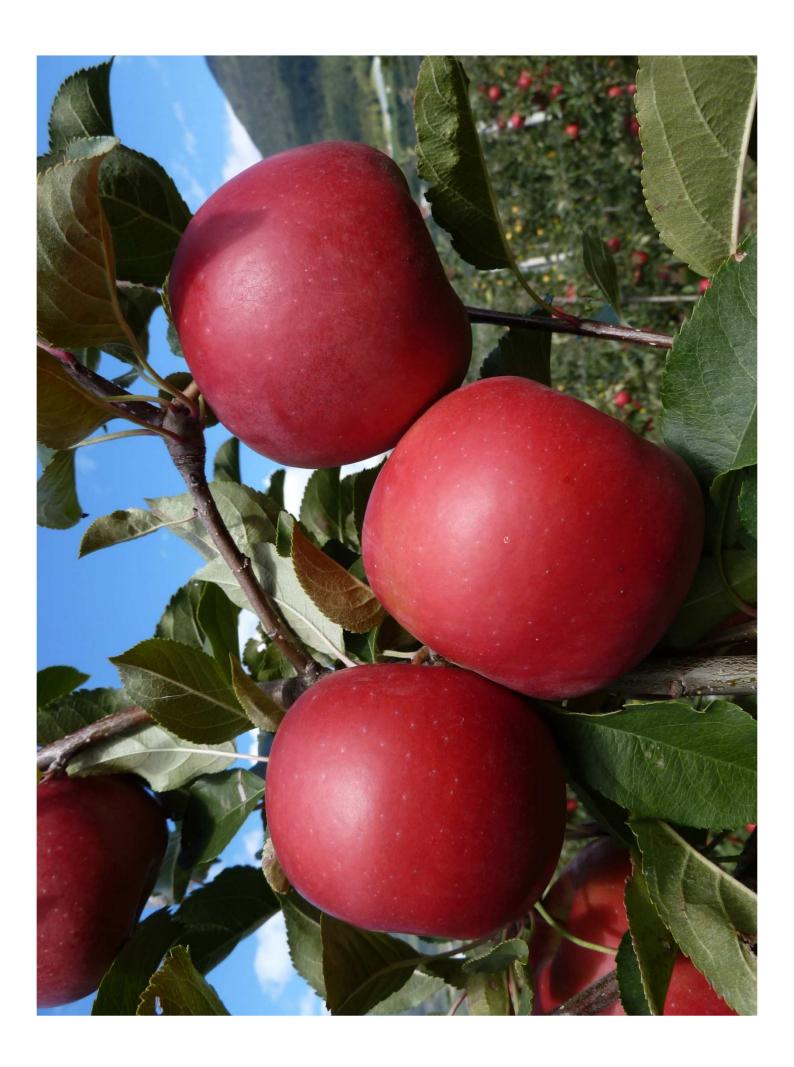
#### Topaz x Cripps Pink from Czech Republic



- Harvest ca. one week after Golden
- Resistant to scab
- Covering colour luminous red on cream-coloured background
- Several harvesting trips necessary
- Medium-sized, uniform fruit size and form
- Smooth skin
- Good, sweet-sour taste
- Aromatic
- Medium firmness
- Consumer acceptance?



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## SQ159 - NATYRA®

#### Elise x scab resistant variety from the Netherlands



- Maturates around Braeburn
- Scab-resistant
- Good colouring
- Inhomogeneous fruit size and form
- Tasteful, aromatic apple
- Good durability
- Good shelf life
- Very weak growth of the tree
- Physiologic failures
- Russeting
- Changing of fruitening?



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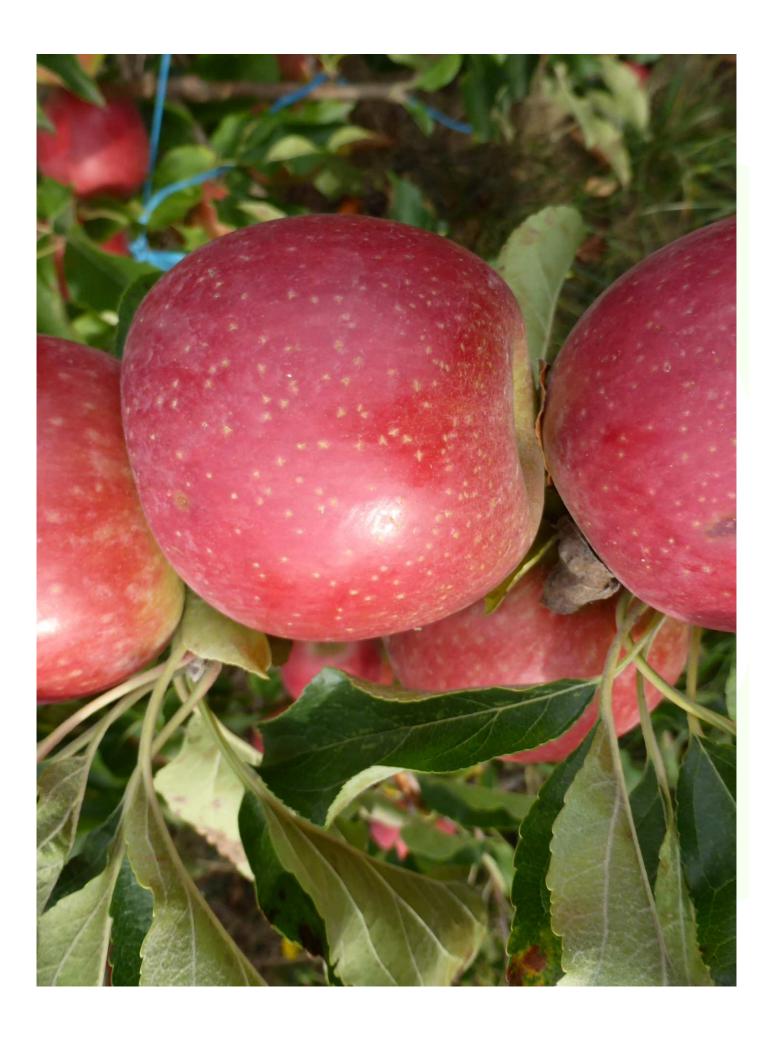


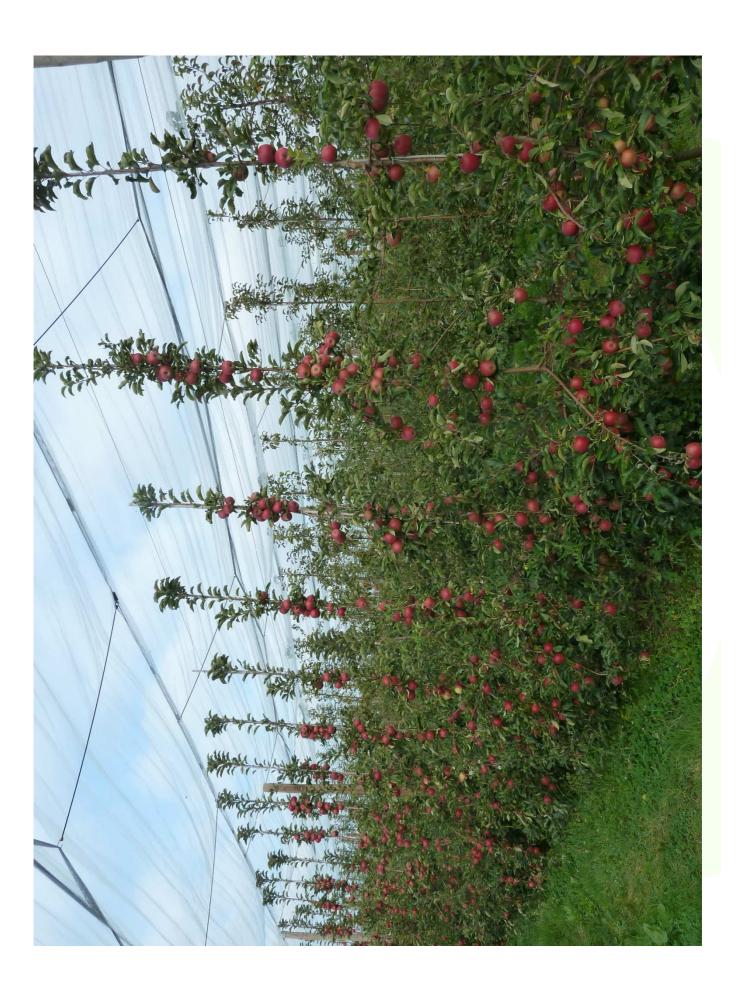
# **Cripps Red - JOYA®**

#### Lady Williams x Golden Del. from Australia



- Maturation 7-10 days after Cripps Pink
- Medium-sized apple
- Wine red, slightly striped covering colour on green-creamy base colour
- Good colouring
- Smooth-skinned
- firm, crunchy, sweet-sour
- Steady high yields
- Very good storage suitability



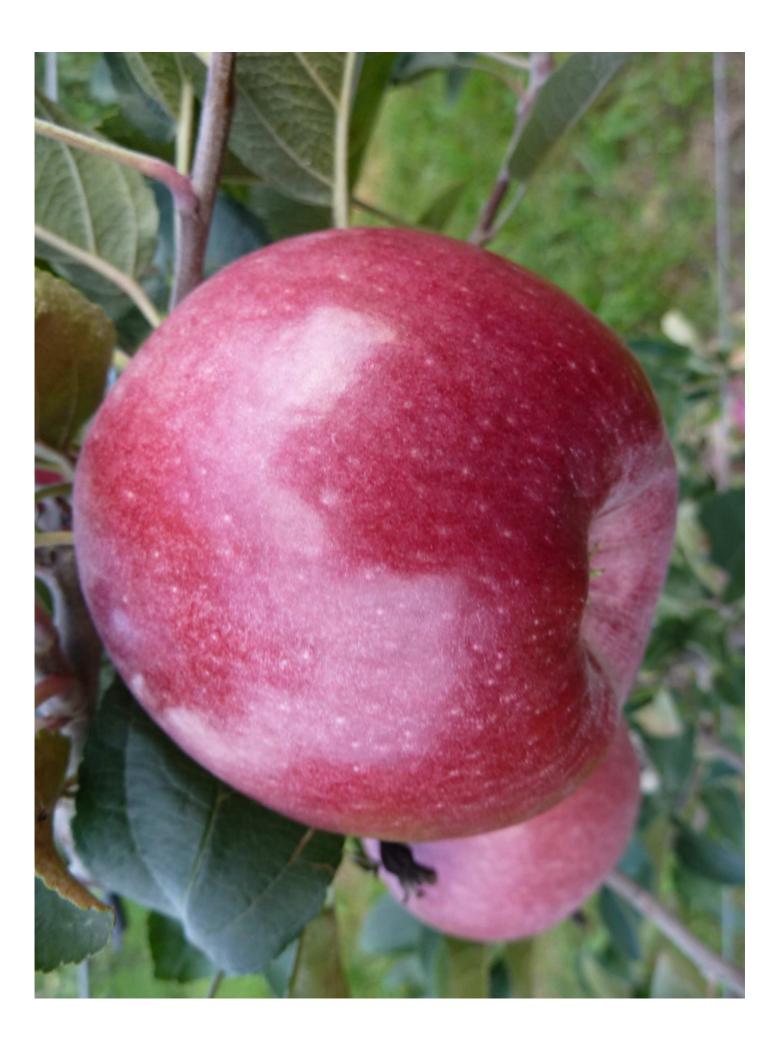


## MC 38 – CRIMSON SNOW®

#### **Chance seedling from Australia**



- Mature around Cripps Pink
- Large sized apple
- Crimson, slightly striped cover colour on green-yellow background
- White pulp
- Medium sweet
- Juicy, crunchy





# Minneiska - SWEETANGO®





- Maturates 7-10 days before Gala
- Attractive red colouration
- Good fruit size in all locations
- Sometimes irregular form
- Slightly firmer and sweeter than Gala
- Slightly higher sour-level than Gala
- Excellent crunchiness and good taste
- Storability slightly below Gala
- Sensitive for bruises, stem punctures and attractive to birds
- Russeting



## Minneiska SWEETANGO®

in Washington State/USA







# There is plenty to do – Let's do it!

