

## HONEYCRISP APPLE

Honeycrisp Apple ( *Malus domestica* 'Honeycrisp') was developed at the University of Minnesota in the 1960's and is considered Minnesota's state fruit. This is an apple cultivar first believed to be a hybrid of a Macoun and Honeygold, but recent tests show that it's a hybrid of Keepsake and another which has not been identified. Because it is a hybrid, planting from seed is not recommended. Honeycrisp is self-sterile so another apple variety must be nearby as a pollinizer in order to set fruit and most any other variety including crab apples will work. Honeycrisp is a late season bloomer, matures at 14-18 feet, needs full sun, does best in zones 3-7 and has good drought tolerance. Fruits ripen in September and you may get to enjoy the exceptionally crisp apples a few years after planting! Excellent storage.

## NORTHERN SPY

Northern Spy Apple (*Malus domestica* 'Northern Spy') is a cultivar of a domesticated apple that originated in northern New York. It is also known by 'Spy' or 'King' and it is considered one of the best choices for a northern garden because it is a late bloomer and so may avoid any late spring frosts. Fruits are large and bright red, high in vitamin C and pectin, ripen in October and one of the best for pie making. Red or Golden Delicious varieties are considered good pollinators. Trees do best in zones 4-8 with full sun and proper drainage, mature at 12-15 feet but may take 5 years or more to bear fruit. Excellent storage.