

Gala Dark Ann®

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Origin

Gala Dark Ann® is a mutation from Gala and was discovered by Franz Kaufmann, from Bolzano, Italy in 2007. The name Ann is named after his daughter. You can still find the mother-tree in his orchard close to Meran. In 2015 the plant breeder's rights for this mutation was applied for at CPRO, Angers, France. The brand name and logo is protected.

Virus-free propagation material is exclusively supplied by from VTNL (Propagation station Netherlands) and are supplied to the sub-license members only. Gala Dark Ann® trial trees are located in different research stations in Europe (among others: Proeftuin Randwijk/Netherlands, Versuchszentrum Laimburg/Italy and IRTA/Lleida/Spain).



Variety Properties

Colouring

The colour of Dark Ann® is dark-red with some even darker red flamed stripes. Further to the North of Europe and also above 400 meter sea-level the amount of darker red flamed stripes are more visible. Compared to other dark-red Gala mutations Dark Ann® is a bit more brighter dark-red. Even in the lower parts of the tree the colouring is good, around 90-95% of the apple is full red. Dark Ann® ripens 2-3 days earlier compared to other dark-red Gala mutations. There is no reversion in the colouring even if the trees are in the 6th year of production.

Taste

To improve the taste it's important to pick at the right time, in particular because of the early and dark colouring. On younger trees you can strip pick, on older trees it might take 2 picks. The taste, fruit shape and fruit size have the same characteristics as Gala.

Flowering

The apple flower buds and leaf stalk are red and also the wood is coloured light-red. The flowering time is similar compared to other Gala mutations.

Cultivation and production

The cultivation and production is similar to other Gala mutations.

Storage

The storage and shelf-life is similar to other Gala mutations.

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