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Origin

In 2001 Mr. P. van Rijn discovered this pear during his travels abroad. Breeder's rights for Xenia® was applied for in 2005. Xenia® is a result of a crossing of Triomphe de Vienne and a Krier (1962) of the 'Research Institute for Horticulture' in Chisinau (Moldavia).

Variety Properties

Fruit

The fruit is a bit coarser, with a good hardness. It's rounder than Conference, but not as round as Comice. Furthermore, the smooth fruit skin and the green background with moderately bronzed pears are characteristic. After storage the colour of the pears changes into green-yellow. The juiciness varies from juicy to very juicy, depending on the maturity stage. Xenia® can also be consumed with more hardness. The pears contains none or very few grit cells.

Taste

Xenia® is a sweet, fresh and aromatic crunchy pear. The skin tastes good and contains a high fibre.

Flowering

Flowering starts early, on average 3-5 days before Conference.

Cultivation and production

Xenia® can give high and even yields annually (60-80 ton/ha), thinning requirements are limited.

The picking season is from mid September till beginning of October, approximately two weeks after Conference. A very low to moderate susceptibility to scab and a very low susceptibility to fruit tree canker (*Nectria galligena*) has been observed. Xenia® is a variety for the organic growers. An interstem (for example Doyenné du Comice) is required.



Storage

Xenia® can be stored till May with mechanical cooling, with ULO/DCA conditions storage can be longer.

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