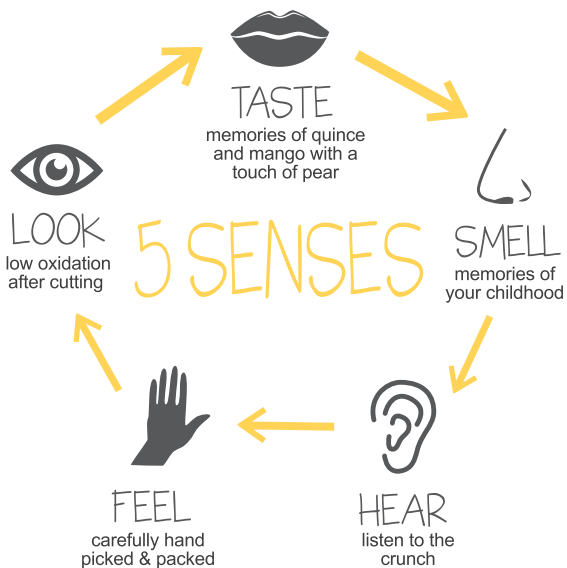


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Opal® A new apple for all senses!



Opal® - a unique new apple with its sunny appearance, orange blush, and stem end russeting creates an aura of 'home grown' authenticity.



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Opal®, with its sunny golden skin and orange blush, is an exciting breath of fresh air in the apple category for both growers and retailers.

The new variety, UEB 32642, a cross between Golden Delicious and Topaz, is sold under the registered trademark Opal® by licenced marketers. It has a golden yellow skin with up to one third covered in an orange blush and a great taste that conjures up memories of quince and mango with a touch of pear.

Its susceptibility to mildew is low and the apple is vf resistant against apple scab. Further natural genetic advantage is the non-browning gene which make it ideal for salads and pre-cut meals. The tree is a regular cropper, thus supporting the idea of growing these apples in an environmentally friendly way, as naturally and sustainably as possible. With grower friendly attributes of precociousness, good cropping, high levels of set and naturally giving many branches it does not require high levels of inputs. It is ready for picking when the background colour turns a golden yellow. This fruit does not go soft.

Characteristics:

- Golden yellow skin with up to one third of an orange blush on it's cheek
- Crisp and juicy with high sugars and a surprising crunch
- Less labour intensive and handles well
- An exceptional shelf life
- Harvest starts with last week of Golden Delicious, before Braeburn. Multiple picks (up to 3 times) especially on young trees
- Fruit size ranges between 65 and 80 mm

Initial marketing as OPAL® in the United States and Europe showed excellent demand for this exceptionally good eating quality apple. Now is the time to be part of establishing the new "Gold" apple category.

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