

# WA 2 Fact Sheet

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## Horticultural Traits

- **Growth habit:** Compact (like cv Ambrosia or cv Oregon Spur Red Delicious); tree highly productive
- **Bloom timing:** Similar to cvs Gala and Honeycrisp
- **Disease/disorder sensitivity:** Not prone to sunburn or bitter pit; fruit can develop stem bowl splits with late harvest and parrot beak when cropped on one year old fruiting wood
- **Harvest timing:** Harvest in late cv Red Delicious season (late Sep - Oct) typically 1 week later than WA 38; one or two picks
- **Fruit:** Annual bearing of medium fruit (size 72-88); fruit round, very attractive bright pinkish red with conspicuous lenticels and distinctive bicolor margins; fruit finish may vary by site location

## Postharvest Performance

- **Handling characteristics:** Not sensitive to bruising; easy to handle on packing line; sustains a high sheen after polishing without wax for several weeks
- **Storage potential:** 6 months in refrigerated storage, 12 months in controlled atmosphere (1% carbon dioxide, 2% oxygen) with or without 1-MCP and postharvest fungicide drench
- **Storage disorders:** External or internal storage disorders rare
- **Eating quality:** Taste balanced, sweet with moderate acidity and excellent texture; reaches optimum eating quality and color after 3 months of storage (or 1 to 2 weeks of warm storage); consistent high quality product for the remaining storage season

Parentage: Splendour × Gala

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