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International leaders in cultivar management

Lady in Red A Perfect Pink Lady®

“ We have had some great results in exportable tonnes / ha over the years and much easier harvesting with the much higher all round colour throughout the tree.

Lady in Red forms the base of our medium and long-term storage programs for our customers with a higher colour requirement than the international 40% grade standard. ”

Grant Taylor, Mr Apple, New Zealand

“ Lady in Red, the best thing since sliced bread! We have been harvesting over 100 ton per ha in two picks ever since the trees became mature. Only two picks with maturity lagging behind colour. Yes, colour comes a few days before the apples are mature enough to harvest. This never happened with standard Cripps Pink. Maturity would arrive and we waited for colour, now the reverse with Lady in Red. ”

David Easton, Easton Apples, New Zealand

“ Ons het vanjaar in die derde blad die eerste oes van die Lady In Red bome afgehaal en die vrugte was vroeër opgekleur en meer intens. Ons is baie opgewonde oor die vooruitsig van hoër uitpakte! ”

Johan Kotze, Dutoit Agri, Oos-Kaap

Lady in Red is a high colour, very stable mutation of Cripps Pink and exhibits more intense colouring over a greater percentage of the fruit surface than Cripps Pink.

Lady in Red is a new variety found as a branch mutation on a Cripps Pink tree in 1996 by orchardist Basil Mawley in his orchard in Hawkes Bay, New Zealand.

The subsequent approval by Apple and Pear Australia Limited (APAL) allows the fruit meeting the Pink Lady® quality specifications to be sold under the Pink Lady® trademark. Giving customers the same distinctive sweet, refreshing taste, as always. This is great news for growers wishing to replace their Cripps Pink orchards in order to improve their Pink Lady® packouts.

The high colour nature of this variety means Lady in Red orchards have high packouts and improved profitability over Cripps Pink. One of the biggest advantages is early colour development, which can benefit poor colour sites and poor colour years. It is extremely grower friendly with only 1 to 2 picks required and a high proportion of the crop can be harvested in the first pick.

South African Plant Breeders' Rights were granted in August 2017.

The world's most sought after cultivars come from TopFruit

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- **Medium chilling requirement**
- **Strong vigour with an upright growth habit**
- **Full bloom – late September to middle October**
- **Pollinators Royal Gala, Fuji, Hillieri, Red Delicious, Granny Smith**
- **Bears fruit on spurs and tips and production is good**
- **Harvest time - middle to late April**

Plant material will only be cut from fruit bearing trees that will be marked during early and late March, and just before harvest. Budwood from these marked trees will be cut during winter for spring budding, or in February the following season.



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