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THE GREAT FROST RESISTING

TILTON

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APRICOT



Most Vigorous Grower
Unusually Productive
Regular Annual Bearer
Largest Size
with Finest Flavor
and Color



GROWN AND FOR SALE BY

J. W. BAIRSTOW,
HANFORD, CAL.

TILTON.

The Great Frost Resisting Apricot.

The Tilton bears immense crops of fruit when all other varieties fail.

This wonderful new apricot has not failed once since it began fruiting twelve years ago. While all the leading varieties have failed several times during that period, the Tilton has gone on and fruited continuously each successive year, producing unheard of crops of the largest and finest flavored apricots that have ever been seen.

California has originated many new and valuable varieties of fruits, but none of them is destined to play such an important part in the commerce of the state, as this new apricot. Fruit growers everywhere are always looking for varieties that are vigorous and healthy in the tree—producing large and finely flavored fruit annually. This high standard of excellence is seldom developed to the extent found in the Tilton apricot.

No better reasons could be advanced in support of the extensive planting, for commercial purposes, of this new apricot, with its many superior qualities, than is contained in the following extract from an essay before the Twenty-Fourth State Fruit-Growers' Convention of California, held at San Jose, by that eminent authority, Luther Burbank, of Santa Rosa:

“The time is not far back when perseverance was the usual price of success, but we now live in a time of great activity and with rapid and astonishing changes in every department of life, which makes adaptability of even more importance than perseverance. No one can doubt that these facts apply to horticulture, and especially to fruit-growing, for in these employments most rapid strides have been made during the last ten years of the passing century. **The fruit-grower of to-day must have the ability to adapt himself to new methods, new fruits, and new markets.** By means of cold storage and rapid transit, the finest fruit from every land can be found in any large market both in and out of season, for while the fruits of



Rock Litho. Co.
ROCHESTER, N. Y.

TILTON APRICOT.

New. Originated near Hanford, King County, California. Fruit large size, rich apricot color, with flavor of the highest quality. Bears immense crops every season and is considered the most profitable of all apricots either for canning or drying.

one hemisphere was first waking from their winter sleep, in the other the summer sun has done its work and the ripened fruits are on their way to distant markets.”

“With the world as a market, competition is keen, and only the best fruits in the best condition, will pay; **fortunately, it generally costs much less per ton to produce large, first-class fruit than to produce the poorest and meanest specimens that are ever offered.** Small fruit exhausts the tree much more rapidly than large fruit, as one pound of skin, stones, and seeds represents at least ten or twelve pounds of fruit pulp; **it will thus readily be seen that improved varieties, which produce uniformly large, fine fruit, are more economical manufacturers of fruit, and also that the product is always more salable;** the difference in many cases will decide between success and failure.”

“The tree which needs a great deal of pruning to keep it in proper form or vigorous health should be replaced by one which has a better habit of growth, for every ton of wood taken unnecessarily from an orchard represents at least as much in weight of fruit. What a fearful tax this alone is on the fruit-grower—enough wasted here also to make the difference between success and failure.”

“**Many varieties have two or three superior qualities, but woefully lack in many others;** some have a very weak and imperfect root system, no matter on what stock they may be grafted; others have scanty foliage, which readily falls a prey to drought or to fungous or insect enemies. **Others are especially subject to blossom blight by late spring frosts,** parching winds, or rain; still others, though bearing the best of fruit, are so sparing of it that they are outstripped by others of less value. Numerous other faults are too well known to all observing fruit-growers.”

“**The fruit-grower of to-day is strictly a manufacturer and should have the latest and best improvements.** The manufacturer of pins and nails would not long tolerate a machine which failed to produce pins and nails every other season, or one which produced even occasionally an ill sorted, rusty, unmarketable product. And revolutionary as it may at first thought appear, there is no good reason for permanently producing poor fruit, for in time new trees will be produced which will produce good fruit with the utmost regularity and precision.”

Origin of the Tilton Apricot.

It was on the farm of J. E. Tilton, near Hanford, King Co., Cal., that the Tilton was first discovered and is a chance seedling. Its large size, high flavor, uniform ripening, with its frost resisting qualities, easily place it far in advance of all other varieties of apricots for both canning and drying, and in introducing it we do so with confidence that it is the best that has ever been introduced for commercial orchards.

The many testimonials received from leading horticulturists throughout the state, speak louder words of praise for the merits of this wonderful new fruit than any words of ours.

TESTIMONIALS.

Fruited Third Year from Seed.

"This is to certify that I, Mr. J. E. Tilton, raised the Apricot named the Tilton Apricot and it is between 12 and 15 years old, and its never failed to bear a crop of fruit up to the present time of 1900. And in size it is very near as large as the Routier Peach Apricot, and in regard to its weight in drying qualities, it dries somewhat heavier than the Royal Apricot and makes larger samples of dried fruit. And the Royal Apricot has always been our favorite Apricot here, both for bearing and drying qualities until this new Apricot, which I raised, came out and it is no get up at all, for it has been in bearing time enough to prove its good qualities

J. E. TILTON.

P. S. It had fruit on the third year from the seed."

Bears, Frost or no Frost.

From E. SANBORN, Hanford, Cal.

"To fruit growers and to all who take part in growing fruit for a living or only for home use, I have been asked to give my opinion of a new kind of Apricot, that was raised from seed by a neighbor of mine. And I have known it for years and to my knowledge it has never missed bearing a good crop of fruit, frost or no frost, every year. And in shape and size it comes nearest to the Routier Peach Apricot of any we have around here and there is most all other kinds planted here that is of any value, but there is more early Royal Apricots planted here than any other kind, but it is small compared to the Tilton Apricot and the Tilton bears better. In fact I have never seen it miss yet, and last year the frost took nearly all the Apricots we had, but this one tree of Mr. Tilton's had nearly half a ton of fruit on it. And this spring of 1900 it had fruit on that broke about the strongest limb on the tree. And what I say about it I am not afraid of anyone knowing it."

A Sure Bearer.

From M. D. ROBINSON, Hanford, Cal.

"This is to certify that I have known the "Tilton" Apricot for at least ten years and know it to be a sure bearer; in size it is about half as large again as the "Yellow Royal" Apricot. It dries heavy and is a much larger and stronger grower than the "Royal" and for any one who is thinking of planting Apricots they make no mistake in planting this new variety."

Valuable Addition.

From JOHN ROCK, Mngr. California Nursery Co., Niles, Cal.

"Your favor of the 26th ult., has been received, also the box of Apricots by express you so kindly sent, came in good condition; some were kept here in our office a week after being received. They compare very favorable with our Royal, as grown here, are large, but lack some of the flavor, pits are small for the size of the fruit.

This will be a very valuable addition to our list of Apricots and will be the most profitable to plant, if it keeps its frost resisting qualities in all such localities where frost is destructive on the crop."

Unusual Productiveness.

From Hon. LUTHER BURBANK, the greatest originator of new fruits, Santa Rosa, Cal.

"I thank you for the opportunity of testing the new seedling Apricot which arrived in perfect condition. The fruit ripens more evenly throughout than any Apricot which I have ever seen, and as it is early, smooth and of good size and excellent quality, and as you say productive, I must believe it to be one of the best of all Apricots—possibly the best—taking into account its unusual productiveness."

Regular and Abundant Bearer.

From GEO. B. WARNER, Nurseryman, Santa Ana, Cal.

"Yours of Sept. 2, duly received. I would say in reply that the Apricot fruit you sent me came in splendid condition, none mussy but all right to eat, flavor good, color rich yellow and the most evenly ripened I ever saw. If as you say it is a regular and abundant bearer, in my judgment; it has no equal for canning or drying. I would like to engage some scions for next spring and I will want some of the trees for coming season if you have them to spare."

Very Promising.

From HON. B. N. ROWLEY, Editor of *California Fruit Grower*.

"Your favor of June 26, also box of apricots duly to hand. I made a note of the information you furnished me with reference to the seedling Apricot and my opinion of the same in this weeks' issue of the *California Fruit Grower*, of which I forward you a marked copy.

I am of the opinion that the seedling Apricot is a very promising one and if its many good points, that of resisting frost, and heavy regular bearing, are maintained, it is certainly a valuable fruit to plant and grow, and should be more widely known by advertising."

A Fine Seedling Apricot.

Editor *California Fruit Grower*.

I have come across an extra fine seedling apricot tree that came up by chance in a nearby orchard and ever since it began to bear has never missed a season. Last year when we had a complete failure of the apricot crop through frosts, the tree I refer to produced 1,475 pounds of fruit. All other trees on the place yielded practically nothing. This year it had a very large crop, the limbs of the tree being strongly propped. The fruit this season is large, one apricot being equal to about three of the early Royal cots. Twelve of the cots weigh thirty ounces. I send you a sample. Give me your candid opinion of it. With your long experience in such matters I would like to know what you think of it.

J. W. BAIRSTOW.

Ripens all Round.

The apricots referred to in the foregoing were received in good condition. They are large, and of excellent flavor. **They are in every way superior to the Royal** and compare very favorably with the Moorpark. The seedling cot evidently ripens all around and not on one side only as is frequently the case with the Moorpark. It is not quite so large as the latter yet it is of splendid size, and its habit of bearing in years when other varieties fail makes it, we should judge, a decided acquisition. In texture, color, smoothness and flavor it is almost all that can be reasonably looked for in an apricot.—EDITOR.

Nothing Superior.

From N. W. MORHEAD, Horticultural Com. for King Co., Cal.

"In answer to your query in relation to the Tilton Apricot, I take pleasure in stating that in color, size and form it is one of the best Apricots grown in this section. Blooming late it escapes the frost when other varieties are killed. We have nothing superior or even equal to it."

Larger than Royal.

From GEO. W. CODY, Grangeville, Cal.

"The Tilton Apricot is the best going, as it is larger than the Early Royal and sure bearer as it seems to be frost proof, as it never fails to have a crop. I live $\frac{3}{4}$ of a mile of the original Tilton Apricot. I am glad you are putting the tree to the public."

Good Color and Flavor.

From HON. E. J. WICKSON, Editor Pacific Rural Press, S. F., Cal.

"I intended to have written you much sooner about the Tilton Apricot of which you sent me a specimen on July 3. I found the fruit very desirable, very symmetrical and regular in size, good color and flavor and calculated to be very satisfactory both for drying and canning, as it ripens early and is very handsome. Its regular bearing where other varieties often fail is a point of great value to planters."

Vigorous Grower.

From MONROE BURRELL, Hanford, Cal.

"This is to certify that I have lived on the place where the Tilton Apricot is growing, for the last six years and during that time it has never failed to bear a crop of fruit—in the year 1900 it had 1200 lbs. of fruit on it, and in 1899 it was a complete failure of Apricots in this locality, but this kind had a crop of 900 lbs. on, and in 1898 it had 1500 lbs. on and as to size it is about one and one-half times as large as the Royal and in drying it weighs heavier than the Royal and it ripens a week or ten days later than the Royal and is a much firmer Apricot and one particular feature is that it hangs on the tree much longer after it is ripe before falling. It pits very freely and the tree is a vigorous grower."

Certain Bearer.

From HON. B. V. SHARP, Horticultural Com., King Co., Cal.

"It is a pleasure to recommend to those who are contemplating the planting of Apricot trees—the variety known to us as "The Tilton seedling" while it is somewhat new it is giving the best satisfaction, being larger—heavier dryer—and a more certain bearer than the highly prized early Royal. While other varieties have entirely failed to bear fruit owing to climatic conditions, the Tilton has never been known to fail since its introduction."

Finest Color.

From HON. E. H. RUST, Horticultural Com., Los Angeles, Cal.

"Several weeks ago I received by express a box of fine Apricots but no letter and I was at sea who sent them. Recently I received a letter that had been opened by mistake and held by some other party. Hence my delay in answering. The Apricots are very handsome and about the finest color I have ever seen. They were a little too ripe to judge as to the flavor but should think them first-class. And if they have a crop every year would make them very desirable. If you have a stock of the young trees for sale I should like to get a few for my home place.

Thanking you for the fruit, I am,"

Fine Apricots.

From THE CHASE NURSERY Co., Riverside, Cal.

"We received your favor and the box of fine Apricots, for which we thank you.

They are as fine as anything we have ever seen, and if the trees do not appear to be affected by frost, or other causes which shorten the crop so materially certain seasons, it would strike us as well worth propagating. Apricots of this size, hardiness, and quality should always be in demand."

Exceedingly Valuable Apricot.

From LEONARD COATES, Prop. "Sausal Brand" fruits, Napa, Cal.

"Yours of the 26th is at hand, also box of Apricots. If this variety should prove generally to be as good a bearer as your experience so far indicates, I think you have an exceedingly valuable Apricot.

The sample arrived in good order, and, though fully ripe, were firm and with no discoloration. The quality also is good, and size all that could be wished."

You should plant the TILTON, because one tree will make you more money than three trees of any other variety.

It will give you the largest crops of fruit in years when other kinds fail.

Plant the TILTON because it is superior in every point that goes to make up a first class Apricot, for either commercial or home purposes, because it bears annually, and is the most productive, largest, highest flavored and finest colored Apricot that has ever been introduced.

One year old trees 4 to 6 feet, first class at \$.75 each

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