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The New Peach Golden West

Golden West and Tonsetta

Two New Late Freestone Peaches for Home or Commercial Growing

Introduced by

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Golden West Peach

Medium to large (up to 10½ inches in circumference). Yellow freestone of good quality. Ripening from October 10 to 20. Some years ago this seedling peach came up in my yard, with several branches, later I budded the seedling to Amsden June, but missed budding one small branch and in 1920 it bore its first crop and has been bearing regularly every year since. The Golden West is very prolific and for best results should be heavily pruned and fruit thinned.

This is probably a seedling of the Lovell.

WHAT OTHERS SAY OF THE GOLDEN WEST

Santa Rosa, Cal., Oct. 26, 1922.

Mr. M. A. Wallace,
Can Fernando, Cal.
Dear Sir:

The two peaches arrived today in best condition. They are fine in appearance from the outside and superior in quality. I should judge that it would make a very good market and home canning peach. It seems to have just the right consistency and acidity for a good canning peach.

Very truly yours,
LUTHER BURBANK.

Leonard Coates Nursery Co.
Morgan Hill, Cal., Oct. 24, 1922.

M. A. Wallace,
San Fernando, Cal.
Dear Sir:

The two sample peaches arrived in good condition and are certainly very fine. The writer believes it is the finest late peach. We have the Krummel but this apparently is a little bit later than the Krummel. Have you fruited the Krummel? If not, we will be glad to send you a couple of trees in exchange for some grafts from your tree. Did this seedling originate on your place?

Yours very truly,
LEONARD COATES NURSERY CO.
Armstrong Nurseries  
Ontario, Cal., October 18, 1921.

Mr. M. A. Wallace,  
San Fernando, Cal.

My Dear Sir:

Your postal card received. Also the sample peaches, in which we are very much interested, as it seems to be a splendid peach for the season, coming as it does about three weeks after the Salway, and filling in a gap. We are making a record of the matter and may want some buds next summer.

Yours very truly,

J. S. ARMSTRONG.

Fancher Creek Nursery  
Fresno, Cal., Oct. 24, 1922.

Mr. M. A. Wallace,  
Rt. A, Box 397,  
San Fernando, Cal.

Dear Mr. Wallace:

The peaches sent arrived in good condition and they appeared to be the Salway Seedling. The fruit resembles the Salway more than anything else. From the looks of the sample it may even be a better peach than the Salway; as we note it has an unusual small pit.

Yours very truly,

FANCHER CREEK NURSERIES,  
W. A. Shunk.

Stark Bros.  
Nurseries and Orchard Co.  
106th Year  
Louisiana, Mo., Nov. 4, 1922.

M. A. Wallace,  
San Fernando, Cal.

Dear Sir:

We wish to acknowledge your recent favor with sample peaches which we have tested carefully. This seems to be a very good peach, but frankly we think it would be too late for our section here. We would consider this peach a very good quality. Grown there in your state should have much value, although we doubt whether it would ripen soon enough for successful commercial variety here in the mid-west. We want you to know that we appreciate your courtesy in writing to us and with best wishes we are,

Very truly yours,

STARK BROS. NURSERY & ORCHARD CO.,  
By Paul Stark, Treas.
Tonsetta Peach

Large yellow freestone, of the Salway type. Commences ripening about October 24 and lasts until November 15 or later. While the quality and color are not as high as some of the mid-summer peaches, its size and lateness makes it a valuable peach. Where it came from I don't know. This peach was brought to my attention some years ago by my neighbor, Mr. Shelly. He told me a few days ago if he had known 6 years ago what he knows now of the Tonsetta he would have planted several acres to this peach instead of planting it in oranges and lemons and would have made a "fortune" out of it.

This peach is so firm it can be shipped across the continent.

Dec. 27, 1922—M. E. Shelly tells me he got $1.50 a box for his Tonsetta peaches this year—two-tier lug boxes about 25 lbs. (or 6 cents a pound). In 1919 he got $2.50 a lug box—about 30 lbs.—wholesale in Pasadena. The Tonsetta has a stiff heavy leaf that often remains on the tree green and fresh until Christmas or later.

I find the Tonsetta to be a fine canning peach; almost as good for that purpose as a choice cling.

WHAT OTHERS SAY OF THE TONSETTA

The venerable California Nurseryman and Horticulturist, Mr. W. T. Kirkman, Sr., has this to say of the Tonsetta: "I am very favorably impressed with the Tonsetta and of the two peaches (you have). I would rather chance it than your "Golden West," as fine as that variety is. For one thing, the Tonsetta has been more thoroughly established, and fills in a good place, as perhaps the last real good peach of the season."

W. T. KIRKMAN, SR.
Ontario, Cal., Oct. 27, 1922.

Mr. M. A. Wallace,
Rt. A, Box 397,
San Fernando, Cal.

My Dear Sir:

The Tonsetta peach you sent us has been received and sampled and it seems to be a very good peach for this time of year, but we do not believe it is quite as good quality as that received from you last year (Golden West). We do not think this variety has a name, but is as you say, a Salway Seedling. As a late market peach it seems to be very good.

Yours very truly,

J. S. ARMSTRONG, Prop.
Armstrong Nurseries.

Luther Burbank
Santa Rosa, Cal., U. S. A.

Santa Rosa, Cal., Nov. 13, 1923.

M. A. Wallace,
San Fernando, Cal.

Dear Sir:

The sample of the late free-stone peach arrived in due season and I find it a very fine keeper of very fine quality and of unusual large size. I think it is probably one of the best peaches, especially for home use.

Respectfully yours,

LUTHER BURBANK.

(From California Cultivator, Nov. 11, 1922)

Your peach Tonsetta, is either the Salway or a Seedling of Salway. Of course, a very late Salway of good quality would likely sell well in local markets for fresh fruit, but an extensive acreage would not be justified. Canneries closed some time ago; are not anxious to extend season. Many stop with Philip Cling, though some continue on Salway.
PRICES OF PEACH TREES

GOLDEN WEST—1-year-old trees, any size I may have—$1.00 each, 6 for $5.00. Small size by mail, post paid if so wanted without additional charge.

TONSETTA—No 1-year-old trees of Tonsetta. I have a few small June buds and plenty of dormant buds.

Price of either June buds or dormant buds 50 cts. each; by mail post paid, 60 cts. each.

Remittance may be made any way most convenient.

Address all orders to
M. A. WALLACE
Rt. A, Box 397, San Fernando, Calif.

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