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(UEB 32642 cv.) was produced by crossing Golden Delicious with Topaz
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Origin: Institute of Experimental Botany Prague (Strizovice), CZ
Tree: Diploid, moderately vigorous, spreading, branching dense, fruiting spurs medium to short
Blossom: Mid-season, slightly before Golden Delicious, flowers heavily with slight alternance
Picking time: Early October, together with Golden Delicious, only slight fruit thinning appears to be required, eating maturity 3 weeks after picking
Productivity: Similar to Golden Delicious
Keeping quality: In natural storage until April
Fruit: Medium, round-conical, height:width ratio 0.90, ribbing very weak, stem medium, russet in stem cavity, can radiate to side of fruit, skin color yellow to yellow-orange, flesh yellow, firm, fine to medium grained, medium juicy, full flavored, sweet (15.2 % Brix), mild-subacid, very good
Diseases: Resistant to scab (Vf), tolerant to powdery mildew, bitter pit does not occur
Comment: Requires rather an intensive growing system and environmental conditions similar to Golden Delicious, prefers sunny, dry, wine growing areas with irrigation