








Apples					
Rootstock:	M27	M9	M26	MM106	M25
Ultimate height:	5-6ft 1.5-2metres	8-10ft 2-3metres	12-15ft 3-3.5metres	14-18ft 4-5.5metres	25-30ft 7.5-9metres
Uses:	Vertical cordon Patio tree Step Over Dwarf bush	Oblique cordon Step Over Bush Central leader Pyramid	Oblique cordon Step Over Bush Central leader Pyramid Small Espalier	Double cordon Half standard Espalier Fan Bush Central leader	Standards
Fruiting in:	2-3 yrs	3-4 yrs	3-4 yrs	3-4 yrs	6-7 yrs
Cropping potential:	4-5 yrs 7kg	5-6yrs 20kg	5-6yrs 30kg	7-8yrs 50kg	8-9yrs 120kg
Planting distance:	5-6ft 1.5-2m	5-6ft 1.5-2m	10ft 3m	12ft 3.5	25-30ft 8-9m
Soil/site:	Requires good deep fertile loam, clean ground, no competition from other plants. Not for heavy soils.	Requires good deep fertile loam, clean ground, no competition from other plants. Not for heavy soils.	Good deep fertile loam. Allowing the grass to grow up to trunk will slow growth. Not for heavy soils.	Can tolerate heavier soils and more exposed sites. Suitable for planting where grass grows up to trunk.	Will tolerate most sites and soils. Good pest and disease resistance. Not the tree to plant if space is limited.
Stake:	Permanent Stake	Permanent Stake	for 5yrs	for 5yrs	for 5yrs

Understanding Rootstocks

Cherries		
Rootstock:	G5	COLT
Ultimate height:	10ft 3metres	20ft 6metres
Uses:	Dwarf Bush Container	Bush Half-standard Fan
Fruiting in:	3 yrs	3-4 yrs
Cropping potential:	6-7yrs 30kg	7yrs 50kg
Soil/site:	Requires good deep fertile loam	More tolerant of lighter chalky or heavier clay soils
Stake:	Permanent Stake	Permanent Stake

Considerations when choosing a tree:

As well as providing fruit, the tree will be decorative, can provide shelter, can act as a screen and sound barrier, provide shade and attract wildlife.

Ensure the tree is appropriate for your area and use.

Is it hardy enough and will it stand frosts?

Will it flower or bear fruit when required?

Remember that some varieties have ornamental value in their fruits and blossom.

Be aware of micro-climates where weather conditions vary from normal.

Take care if the site is north facing or windy, factors which will limit your choice.

Consider the size and study possible rootstocks. Imagine the tree in twenty years.

Call us or get in touch through the website for more advice on selecting your tree.



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Both the Pixy and St Julian A rootstocks are used for Plums and Gages. Apricots, Peaches and Nectarines are only available on St Julian A.

Plums		
Rootstock:	Pixy	St Julian A
Ultimate height:	10-12ft 3-4metres	14-18ft 4.5-5metres
Uses:	Dwarf Bush Cordon	Bush Half-standard Fan
Fruiting in:	3-4 yrs	3-4 yrs
Cropping potential:	12-15kg Needs to be thinned as it matures	20-25kg Crops young but needs thinning
Soil/site:	Requires good deep loam not too heavy	Tolerates a heavier soil. Mulch well.
Stake:	Permanent Stake	Permanent Stake

Pears			
Rootstock:	QC	QA	PYC
Ultimate height:	6-8ft 2-2.5metres	8-10ft 2-3metres	25-30ft 7.5-9metres
Uses:	Cordon Bush Central leader	Fan Cordon Bush Central leader Half-standard Espalier	Standards
Fruiting in:	4 yrs	4 yrs	6-7 yrs
Cropping potential:	6-7yrs 30kg	7yrs 50kg	8-9yrs 120kg
Planting distance:	6-10ft 2-3m	10ft 3m	25-30ft 8-9m
Soil/site:	Requires fertile soil which does not dry out quickly. Enjoys a thick mulching.	Suitable for most medium to heavy soils. Enjoys a thick mulching.	Will suit less than ideal conditions. Grass can be grown up to the trunk. Enjoys a thick mulching.
Stake:	Permanent Stake	for 5yrs	for 5yrs

QA and QC are also used when growing Quinces