Growers of temperate tree fruit and nut crops
in the Home Garden and Landscape

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Varieties for Planting in the Home Garden

Where you live (your "climate zone") will determine which varieties of temperate tree fruit
and nut crops will perform best in your home garden, when fruits and nuts are harvested, and which
pest and disease problems are more common. This table describes selected varieties that are
suitable for home gardeners in California. The number of varieties could easily be doubled or
tripled if all heirloom varieties and newer varieties available at nurseries or through mail order were
included.

Certain varieties are superb eaten fresh. Other varieties tend to be used more often for
cooking, canning, and freezing. Experts do not always agree about which varieties are best suited
for various uses because individual tastes differ. Thus, the comments in the table regarding these
issues are offered as points of interest only, not as official advice endorsed by the UC.
Quince
(Cydonia oblonga Mill.)

Quince fruits grow on a small tree or shrub (8-12 ft tall) with twisted, bumpy branches. Grown as a flowering ornamental or for fruit processing. Adapted to many climates. Tolerates "wet feet" better than most other deciduous fruit trees. Quince trees bloom late, which means that they avoid spring frosts. Quinces have many of the same pest problems as apple and pear. Varieties are self-fruitful. Used as a dwarfing rootstock for pear.

- **Champion** - Green-yellow flesh. Pear-shaped fruit.
- **Pineapple** - The preferred variety. Pineapple flavor. White flesh. Golden skin. Low chill fruit
- **Smyrna** - Large fruit with brown pubescence. Light, tender flesh. Yellow skin. Low chill fruit.
- **Van Deman** - Pale yellow, coarse flesh. Orange skin that turns red when cooked.

### Harvest Period

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