

# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

## WHEN CAN I EXPECT FRUIT?

Under normal conditions which include warm summer temperatures and full sunny location each variety will begin fruiting accordingly: Cherokee Carbon 75-80 days, Genuwine 70-75 days, Perfect Flame 65-70 days. After these reach 12-16 inches tall they will need some means of support. A large cage is recommended.

## WHAT MAKES THESE SO AMAZING?

Heirloom tomatoes that produce more fruit, more quickly than most any other heirlooms out there. All three will produce plump tomatoes 1-3 weeks faster than the most common heirloom tomato in the country with yields up to 3 times as many fruit! Distinctive sweet, luscious heirloom flavor that we all love, but with significantly fewer blemishes and keeping after picked much longer – if they are not gobbled up of course!

## WHAT IS CHEROKEE CARBON LIKE?

A winning hybrid heirloom that is a cross between Cherokee Purple and Carbon. It maintains their wonderful delicious flavor profile, yet is higher yielding and fruits earlier – in about 75 days! You can expect plump 10-15 oz unblemished tomatoes.

## WHAT IS GENUWINE LIKE?

Genuwine – A solid Slicer tomato that is a cross between Italian Genovese x Brandywine. Ready to harvest 12 to 19 days earlier than Brandywine – a mozzarella and basil partner made even with a short summer.

## WHAT IS PERFECT FLAME LIKE?

Perfect Flame - Is a perfect saladette tomato; meaty interior, skin comes off easily and a great keeper after picked; A cross between a Peron x French Flamme producing in a fast 65 days!

# FIRST THINGS FIRST...

When your plant arrives from Roberta's, remove from the shipping box immediately.

Remove plastic bag and sleeve from around potted plant(s). Discard any packing material clinging to the leaves or soil. Pull away any yellow or brown leaves that may have occurred during transit. If you can not plant it into garden or larger pot within a few days, make sure it stays well watered.

When ready to plant, do the job as early in the day as possible to avoid extreme soil temperatures that prevent proper water uptake from the roots. Water them in well and whisper a few words of wisdom.



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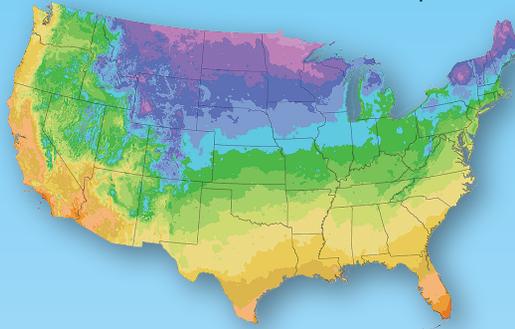
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## Plant Hardiness Zone Map



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# ROBERTA'S GARDENS PLANTING AND GROWING GUIDE



## Tomato Heirloom Marriage (Solanum lycopersicum)



## QUICK REFERENCE PLANTING GUIDE

LIGHT/SUN EXPOSURE:	Full Sun
USDA HARDINESS ZONES:	9 to 11
PLANT TYPE	Annual
PLANTING DISTANCE:	3 to 4 feet
MATURE HEIGHT/SPREAD:	5-7 feet 2-3 feet
BLOOM TIME:	Summer – Early Autumn
PLANTING INSTRUCTIONS: (soil preparation, depth, which end is up, etc.)	Remove plastic bag and sleeve from around potted plant(s). Discard any packing material clinging to the leaves or soil. Transplant into the garden or large containers as soon as evening temperatures stay above 50F.

## PLANTING GUIDE

<b>1</b> STEP	Remove plastic bag and/or sleeve from around potted plant(s). Discard any packing material clinging to the leaves or soil. Pull away any yellow or brown leaves that may have occurred during transit. If you cannot plant it into garden or larger pot within a few days, make sure it stays well watered.
<b>2</b> STEP	Transplant into the garden as soon as evening temperatures stay above 50F. Dig holes twice the width of the root ball and about 5 to 6 inches deep. Place them in their holes. Pack soil firmly around roots. Fill with soil and pack in firmly covering entire root zone. Water again.
<b>3</b> STEP	Rather than in the garden you may re-pot into large containers. Re pot the plants into at least 12-14 inch pots separately or together in larger containers.
<b>4</b> STEP	Be ready to give them some means of support like a large tomato cage after they grown to about 12-16 inches tall.

## CONTINUING CARE

### PLANT PREPARATION

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### CAGES, TRELLIS AND SUPPORT

After these reach 12-16 inches tall they will need some means of support. A large cage is recommended.

### POTTED PLANTS

Repot the plants into larger 12 to 14 inch pots separately or together in larger containers.

### SOIL

They like bagged potting mixes for houseplants that will drain well. Most garden centers carry various brand names with perlite, vermiculite, soil and sand.

### GARDEN PREPARATION

If your soil is clayish amend it with a standard garden soil for adequate drainage.

### PLANTING SPACING

If planting in garden space 3 to 4 feet apart. If planting into a container allow for adequate air ventilation on deck or patio.

### PLANT HEIGHT AND WIDTH

These grow about 5 to 7 feet tall and 2 to 3 feet wide.

### WATER

All tomatoes produce much better with deep watering as opposed to shallow watering. Water these generously when the top 3-4 inches of soil is dry. If allowed to go too dry they may suffer wilt.

### FERTILIZER

For best results, use a high acid fertilizer once or twice a month like Roberta's Bounty.

### LIGHTING

These prefer full sun. More sun really makes a difference in blooming and fruiting.

### BLOOMING

Under correct conditions, blooming begins in early summer and persists all summer.

### TEMPERATURE ZONE 9 to 11

When nights stay above 50 degrees, place your plants outside and leave them there.

### FRUITING

Under correct conditions, fruiting begins 65-80 days after planting varied by cultivar.

### WINTER SEASON

These are annuals that will only last one season. However, if some of your tomatoes have been allowed to fall away, they will often re-seed themselves the following year. This happens more often in warm winter areas.

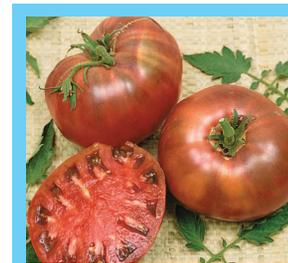
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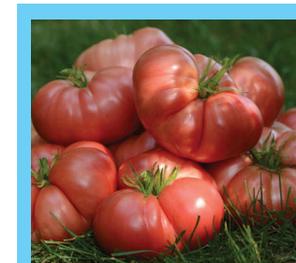
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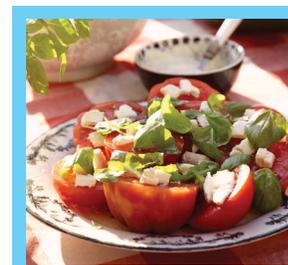
Large cages recommended



Cherokee Carbon large, plump, juicy tomatoes



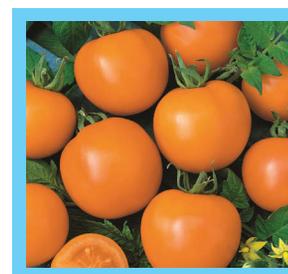
Cherokee Carbon is a cross between Cherokee Purple & Carbon



Genuwine Caprese salad



Genuwine cross between Genovese & Brandywine



Perfect Flame meaty interior and easy to peel



Perfect Flame cross between Peron & French Flamme