



**Stemilt**  
**PIÑATA!**  
A surprise for your taste buds



- The PIÑATA!® apple originated in the 1970's after researchers in Dresden-Pillnitz, Germany crossed the Golden Delicious, Cox's Orange Pippin and the Duchess of Oldenburg varieties. The apple was released commercially throughout Europe in 1986.
- In 2004, Stemilt Growers—a leading tree fruit company based in Wenatchee, Washington—trademarked the name Piñata. Stemilt holds the exclusive rights to grow and market this variety in the United States.
- Under its former names (Pinova and Sonata), Piñata was deemed “Apple of the Year” in Germany in 2001. In 2004, Stemilt renamed the variety Piñata, in order to tie-in the apple's given names with its exciting attributes.
- Piñata apples are stripy red over an orange background. A blend of high sugar and high acid levels give Piñata a special flavor. Crisp and juicy, Piñata has a classic apple flavor with a unique tropical twist.
- Stemilt harvests Piñata apples in mid-October. Because the flavors intensify in cold storage, Stemilt waits to pack and ship Piñata until January.
- Piñata's unique heritage gives the apple strong versatility. It is excellent for eating out-of-hand and also adapts well to cooking temperatures, making it great for both baking and poaching.
- Piñata apples are grown primarily in eastern Washington, where nearly 60% of the United States' apples are grown. This arid region provides four true growing seasons and is absolutely ideal for developing the complex flavors and superior quality of this variety.
- Pictures, video and additional information available upon request. Please contact:

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