

Wealthy

*Accession Number:*

*Parentage:*

op robusta(cherry crab)

Released by:

P. Gideon, Excelsior Fruit Breeding Farm, U of Minn. St. Paul MN.

*Date:*

1869

*Notes:*

Fruit 8cm cream yellow with scarlet flush. Crisp and juicy dessert and cooking. Keeps to December. Small tree, and bears early and heavily. Biennial bearing, so should be thinned. Not tolerant to chlorosis. Bilozir notes: Hardy at Calgary when grafted onto hardy rootstock and interstem. Lacombe Nurs (1936) offered a good red sport, the Reddie strain. Still offered commercially 1991, Nikolai. Coutts notes "Too tender" and Erskine once recommended, but later found it too tender for general planting. SC1. H2.

-Edible Apples in Prairie Canada

Wealthy (Peter M. Gideon, Excelsior, Minn., 1869, from seed of Cherry crab). Tree moderately vigorous, roundish habit, productive at Morden, particularly in alternate years: Fruit medium to large, roundish conic; skin greenish-yellow blushed and striped with bright red; flesh white, fine, crisp, tender, juicy, agreeable sub-acid, aromatic, quality good; season October to January.

-Tree Fruits Grown in Prairie Orchards, Leslie, 1946

It originated in Excelsior, Minnesota by Peter M. Gideon, in 1869. The tree is moderately vigorous, round topped, and prone to biennial bearing. It is hardy in only well protected sites in Zone 3, and 2b. The fruit is medium large, 7.5 cm (3") in diameter, near round to round conic, and matures in early to mid October in Saskatchewan. The skin is medium thick, greenish yellow, blushed and striped with bright red and covered with a white bloom. The flesh is white, fine, crisp, tender, juicy, sub-acid and aromatic. It is very good for fresh eating and excellent for cooking. It stores well for at least 12 weeks.

-Prairie Apple Cultivars, Peters