Sometimes Called Apple Pears



- ◆ Asian pears are native to Japan and China where they have been grown for over 3000 years.
- ♦ Asian pears vary in color from golden yellow to rusted green and are often times speckled with small brown spots.
- ◆ Select the most fragrant fruit with little or no brown spots. Ripe Asian pears are hard and do not soften.
- ◆ Asian pears are sometimes confused with apples. The round, crispy -skinned fruit resembles an apple in appearance and texture, but offers a flavor and fragrance that are more like a pear. They are often called "apple pears."
- ◆ In Japan, pears were believed to ward off evil and misfortune and were often planted near gates and in the corner of properties for protection.

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