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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