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VARIETY	DAYS	DESCRIPTION	PRICE
<p>BIG BEEF</p> 	<p>70 Days Indeterminate Large Red Hybrid</p>	<p>Vigorous vines ripen big 4-6 inch globe shaped tomatoes earlier than other varieties of this size. The 9-16 oz. firm, crack-resistant tomatoes have a wonderfully sweet, slightly acid flavor and produce over a long time. Stores well.</p>	<p>4</p>
<p>BLACK & BROWN BOAR</p> 	<p>70 Days Indeterminate Med. Striped Heirloom</p>	<p>Aggressive grower, very productive with great flavor. Black-striped tomato with 3-4" fruit and light ribbing. Parentage includes everyone's favorite green tomato, Green Zebra. Its origins are in the Suisin Valley; performs well even in cooler climates.</p>	<p>4</p>
<p>BLONDEKOPFCHEN</p> 	<p>75 Days Indeterminate Yellow Grape Heirloom</p>	<p>The name of this adorable heirloom cherry tomato from Eastern Germany means "little blonde girl." Big, leafy tomato plants yield a phenomenal amount of grape-sized yellow cherry tomatoes in clusters of 20-30. The vines are large and sprawling, so give them plenty of space. Blondkopfchen is one of the best tasting cherry tomatoes, deliciously sweet with a slight citrusy tart finish. Grows well in most climates, including cooler growing regions. Disease resistant and non-cracking. Great for snacking, beautiful in salads.</p>	<p>4</p>
<p>BLOODY BUTCHER</p> 	<p>55 Days Indeterminate Red Heirloom</p>	<p>Sensational general-use fruits have a rich heirloom flavor and deep red color, inside and out. If it's hard for you to wait for other tomatoes to ripen, try these—they will be ready for you to enjoy in less than 8 weeks. Plants yield five to nine 2" fruits per cluster and require staking. Early to ripen, they produce until frost. For best results, give them six hours or more of direct sunlight per day</p>	<p>4</p>



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<p>BUSH EARLY GIRL</p> 	<p>65 Days Determinate Compact Hybrid</p>	<p>“Little sister” to Early Girl, this variety will surprise you with huge yields on its compact plants. Extra large, extra early tomatoes grow on a true bush and have a good flavor. Fruit is nearly 4” across, and the plants are amazingly compact, only 18” tall. Gardeners in short-season areas should be sure to try this one, which has even more disease resistance than the original.</p>	<p>4</p>
<p>CABERNET</p> 	<p>70 Days Indeterminate Red Grape Hybrid</p>	<p>A new grape tomato variety, with highly praised flavor. Large, sprawling vine with high yields in attractive grape-like clusters. Performs very well, even into the cool nights of the late season; crack-resistant and flavorful.</p>	<p>4</p>
<p>CARMELLO</p>	<p>75 Days Indeterminate Red Heirloom</p>	<p>The Carmello is the number one market tomato in Europe because of its good sugar/acid balance, exceptionally fine flavor, and crack resistant skin. Good for slicing or cooking, or as an integral part of any dish. This hard-to-find tomato is disease resistant and easy to grow.</p>	<p>4</p>
<p>CELEBRITY</p>	<p>70 Days Determinant Medium Red Hybrid</p>	<p>Vigorous, disease resistant, high yield and exceptionally flavorful fruit make Celebrity tomato a winner for gardeners. This mid-early variety will produce under a broad range of conditions. Great flavor in firm, 8-oz. crack-free fruits, perfect for salads. Performs well in almost every region and under adverse conditions. Good blight tolerance and foliage cover. 1984 All America Selection winner.</p>	<p>4</p>





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<p>CHEROKEE PURPLE</p> 	<p>80 Days Indeterminate Purple Heirloom</p>	<p>Plant produces high yields of 6 to 12 oz purplish pink, slightly flattened tomatoes with green shoulders. Tomatoes have a sweet, rich flavor and are good for slicing. Grown over 100 years by the Cherokee Indians.</p>	<p>4</p>
<p>CHIANTI ROSE</p> 	<p>80 Days Indeterminate Pink Heirloom</p>	<p>Hearty and delicious, this rosy-pink beefsteak is thin-skinned with a succulent, balanced, complex flavor that does not disappoint. Heavy crops of 1 – 2 pound tomatoes grow on indeterminate, potato-leafed plants. Earlier than other large-fruited heirloom tomatoes.</p>	<p>4</p>
<p>CHOCOLATE CHERRY</p> 	<p>70 Days Indeterminate Maroon Cherry Hybrid</p>	<p>The skin is an attractive shade of port wine and chestnut. Plant produces an abundance of 1-inch round fruit in clusters of eight. The flavorful tomatoes are crack resistant and hold very well on the plant. They can be picked several days before completely mature and allowed to ripen off the vine without sacrificing quality. Excellent for gourmet dishes and vegetable platters.</p>	<p>4</p>
<p>EARLY GIRL</p> 	<p>60 Days Indeterminate Medium Red Hybrid</p>	<p>Our earliest slicing tomato, Early Girl is a tomato that gardeners have relied on for many years. These smooth red-skinned, meaty 4 to 6 oz. fruits are ready in just 60 days. Plants are disease resistant, heavy-bearing and vigorous.</p>	<p>4</p>




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FANTASTIC 	78 Days Indeterminate Red Hybrid	These 3–5 inch, round, firm slicers are very solid and crack-resistant. Fantastic's meaty, bright red fruit are rich in beefsteak flavor that makes this a favorite. Indeterminate, it does better if staked. Very high yielding.	4
GREEN ZEBRA 	75 Days Indeterminate Green Striped Heirloom	This exquisite green tomato was chosen by Alice Waters for her Chez Panisse restaurant in Berkeley. The 2-inch round fruit ripens to a yellow-gold with dark-green zebra-like stripes. The flesh is lime-emerald in color and has an invigorating lemon-lime flavor. A great green tomato for brightening up salads and other tomato dishes	4
HALEY'S PURPLE COMET	72 Days Indeterminate Rose/Purple Heirloom	Haley's Purple Comet is a 2" round pinkish-black tomato with green shoulders. Attractive and flavorful, with a good taste all season that improves towards the end of summer. By late season, this is one of the best tasting tomatoes around. Abundant clusters of fruit, similar in appearance and taste to the Cherokee Purple.	4
INDIGO ROSE	75 Days Indeterminate Purple/Red Open Pollinated	Indigo Rose is the first tomato commercially available with a high amount of anthocyanin (a naturally occurring pigment that has been shown to fight disease in humans.) This pigment creates a vibrant almost blue skin on the portion of the fruit exposed to the sun, and a deep red color on the shaded portions. Inside, the flesh reveals the same rouge tone with a superbly balanced, multi-faceted tomato flavor. These indeterminate plants have an open habit and are very vigorous producers. Round, 2" fruit, in clusters.	4





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<p>ISIS CANDY</p> 	<p>73 Days Indeterminate Red/Yellow Cherry Heirloom</p>	<p>This delightful variety produces yellow/gold cherry tomatoes with red marbling. Marbling varies from a red blush to extensive streaking inside and out. What is consistent, however, is the sweet taste that is also rich, fruity, and delicious. Tomatoes are about 3/4 inch across and are round to oblate in shape. Very productive plants bear fruit throughout a long season.</p>	<p>4</p>
<p>JAPANESE BLACK TRIFELE</p> 	<p>85 Days Indeterminate Black, Pear-shaped Heirloom</p>	<p>Pear-shaped fruit has green-streaked shoulders, deepening to a nearly black base—one of the darkest varieties of tomato available. The meaty interior has similar, opulent shades and an incomparable, complex, rich flavor to match. The fruit reaches 2 1/2” - 3” long and wide and are very crack-resistant. Despite the name, this tomato originated in Russia. Potato-leafed plants.</p>	<p>4</p>
<p>JUBILEE</p> 	<p>72 Days Indeterminate Yellow Heirloom</p>	<p>This plant produces high yields of large, golden-yellow beefsteak tomatoes, excellent for making tomato juice and canning. Also good in salads and cooking. The fruit has a mild, non-acid flavor and few seeds. Heavy yields. Jubilee is an All American Selections winner from 1943.</p>	<p>4</p>
<p>LEGEND</p> 	<p>68 Days Determinate Red Heirloom</p>	<p>This tomato is recognized as an early maturing slicing tomato, great for salads and canning. It produces short, bushy tomato plants that yield early, bearing 14-16 ounce fruit. The uniform 4-5 inch smooth, round, blemish-free, glossy red tomatoes have wonderfully delicious sweet flavors that are well balanced, with just the right amount of acidity. Fruit has very few seeds. Blight resistant.</p>	<p>4</p>




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<p>MICHAEL POLLAN</p> 	<p>75 Days Indeterminate Green Open Pollinated</p>	<p>‘Michael Pollan’, named after the famous author and teacher, is related to ‘Green Zebra’ but with a milder taste and good amount of sweetness. The yellow and green striped fruits have an unusual appearance, being egg-shaped with small “nubbins” on the ends. They are very popular in taste tests, and the blooms on this variety are uncommonly showy. They are susceptible to blossom end rot, so need to be watered evenly.</p>	<p>4</p>
<p>NEW BIG DWARF</p> 	<p>75 Days Determinate Red Compact Heirloom</p>	<p>This variety is wonderful in the garden and also in containers since the plant stays small (growing to about 2 feet in height) while delivering large and delicious tomatoes. Fruit grow up to one pound, more typically 8 – 12 oz. It is considered an heirloom tomato as it was created before 1915 by crossing the Ponderosa and Dwarf Champion varieties. Fruit is deep pink to red in color.</p>	<p>5</p>
<p>OAXACAN JEWEL</p> 	<p>85 Days Indeterminate Yellow/streaked Heirloom</p>	<p>This beautiful tomato bears fruit that is golden yellow with ruby streaking, earning this variety its name. Fruit varies in size from 6 ozs. to one pound, and is extremely beautiful whole or when sliced to reveal the brilliant red marbling within. The rich, fruity taste is refreshing and melon-like.</p>	<p>4</p>
<p>RIESENTRAUBE</p>	<p>80 Days Indeterminate Red Cherry Heirloom</p>	<p>An heirloom tomato from Germany, the name translates to "giant bunch of grapes." These flavorful cherries grow in clusters of 20 – 40. Grown by the Pennsylvania Dutch as early as 1856. This tomato is an “absolute must” for heirloom aficionados, according to Dr. Carolyn Male in her book, <i>100 Heirloom Tomatoes for the American Garden</i>.</p>	

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<p>SAN MARZANO</p> 	<p>85 Days Indeterminate Red, Plum-shaped Heirloom</p>	<p>San Marzano is a well known Italian heirloom tomato, highly prized for its exceptional tomato sauce. Plum-type fruit is bright red, slim and 2-3 inches long, with heavy walls and little juice—making it the perfect choice for sauces. It is productive over a long season and generally thought to be more flavorful than the Roma. 🍅</p>	<p>4</p>
<p>SILETZ</p> 	<p>70 Days Determinante Red Heirloom</p>	<p>Flavor-packed red tomatoes, nearly seedless, Siletz is one of the most reliable slicing tomatoes you can grow. Vigorous plants do very well in cooler climates, producing flavorful tomatoes, 8 – 10 oz. An early bloomer.</p>	<p>4</p>
<p>STUPICE</p> 	<p>52 days Indeterminate Red Heirloom</p>	<p>This potato-leaf heirloom from the Czech Republic is a cold-tolerant tomato that won first place for its wonderful sweet/acid tomato flavor in a comparative tasting in the San Francisco area. It gets consistently high marks for taste throughout the summer. Fruit are 2", red, and slightly oval, making it an excellent choice for salads and juicing. .</p>	<p>4</p>
<p>SUN GOLD</p> 	<p>60 Days Indeterminate Gold Cherry Hybrid</p>	<p>One of the best varieties of cherry tomatoes, Sun Gold ripens to produce heavy yields of golden cherry tomatoes with a very sweet flavor. This tomato is popular in all climates as it produces in both warm and cold conditions. Fruit matures quickly and is plentiful. This is one of the sweetest tasting cherry tomatoes on the market!</p>	<p>4</p>

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SUN SUGAR 	62 Days Indeterminate Gold Cherry Hybrid	The ultimate in cherry tomatoes, this golden beauty achieves a new level of sugar-sweetness and flavor, superb texture, and a tangy "true tomato" taste. Fruits are a lovely golden yellow with thin skins – which is remarkable, considering its wonderful crack resistance, even in heavy rains. Heavy early cropper. Very vigorous - can be grown outdoors or indoors in an unheated greenhouse in cold climates.	4
SWEET 100 	65 Days Indeterminate Red Cherry Hybrid	Bursting with sugary flavor, Sweet 100s produce bright red, cherry-sized fruits in long clusters from maturity right up to the first frost. These vigorous climbers need staking to keep the fruit off the ground and avoid pests. Plant in direct sun (6 or more hours each day) and you will be rewarded with an abundance of flavorful, disease resistant tomatoes throughout the long growing season.	4
CLINT EASTWOOD'S ROWDY RED 	78 Days Indeterminate Red <i>TRIAL TOMATO</i>	<i>TRIAL TOMATO: MUST SIGN UP ON VMS PRIOR TO PURCHASE.</i> "Clint Eastwood's Rowdy Red" is a productive open-pollinated tomato with 2 to 2 ½" inch, deep-red, round fruit. The fruit has a robust "not for sissies" flavor, and firm, juicy flesh, that invites snacking in the garden, cooking and canning. Disease resistant. Named by Gary Ibsen for his neighbor, Clint Eastwood, in gratitude for his years of service and support to numerous Carmel community and hospital programs, his actions to preserve the natural beauty of the coastline, and his support of the Carmel TomatoFest.	

Selection Tip: when choosing varieties, keep in mind that “Determinates” ripen over 3-4 weeks on bushy vines that usually need no staking. “Indeterminate” vines continue to grow and produce fruit all season until frost. Large Indeterminate vines need support.