

# Hungarian Stamps 2012

## CULTIVATED FLORA OF HUNGARY: FRUIT



**Two new types of fruit, the Pándy sour cherry and the Kécske rose apricot, are presented on stamps**

Magyar Posta is issuing new stamps in the series presenting and capturing on stamps the cultivated flora of Hungary. The two types of fruit are shown in still life compositions on the postage stamps. The Pándy sour cherry is depicted on the HUF 185 stamp and the Kécske rose apricot is featured on the HUF 230 stamp. Other fruit compositions are used for the first day cover and the special postmark.

**Pándy sour cherry** • According to some sources this is among the varieties of sour cherry cultivated in the Carpathian Basin. The repute of Hungarian sour cherries is based on this variety. Today only selected clones which were accepted by the state in 1978-79 can be propagated. The fruit, which is large or very large (6 to 8 g) with an average diameter of 21 to 24 mm, ripens in the last ten days of June. The shape of the cherry is slightly flattened. Its deep red skin is medium thick. The dark red, medium hard flesh has a distinctive sour and sweet, pleasingly harmonious taste. Its stalk has medium length or long stipules that detach from the fruit dry when ripe, thus it can also be machine harvested. Its exceptionally good taste means it is worth cultivating and makes it sought after in domestic and foreign markets. (Source: *Hunyadi-garden.hu*)

**Kécske rose apricot** • Probably grown from seed in the old vineyards of Kécske, it was first described and selected by Ferenc Nyújtó. It ripens in the second third of July or later. It yields well, even heavily, and the fruit sets very well. Its oval fruit narrows at the base, and is medium large to large and slightly flat. Its base colour is a light ochreous orange flushed with carmine on the back and sunny side. The flesh of this free-stone apricot is dark orange, fibrous and succulent. It has a sweet, quintessential apricot aroma, and its skin is slightly tart. Thanks to its fibrous flesh it transports well. Its leaves on the same tree vary from heart-shaped to roundish. Its crown has weak or medium growth and is flattened. It is frost, disease and pest resistant. This is the earliest of the deep orange coloured apricots, which mainly attracts attention for export precisely due to its vibrant hue. (Source: *János Rayman – Dr Pál Tomcsányi, Gyümölcsfajták zsebkönyve [A Pocketbook of Fruit Trees]*)

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