

Avocado Cultivar Comparisons 2026

Variety	Type	Shape	Color	Skin	Taste	Harvest	Size/Shape	Comments
Bacon	B	Pear	Green	Med-thin	Good-Very Good	Oct-Feb	Medium, Upright	Decent pollinator. Consistent heavy production. Fruit best after mid winter
Carmen	A	Oval	Green-Black	Med-rough	XLNT	Sometimes Ever-Bearing	Compact, Rounded	Hass Type. Capable of multiple blooms. Heaviest production locally in spring. Can be unpredictable.
Don Gilogly	A	Long Pear	Green-Black	Med-smooth	XLNT	Spring & Summer	Small	Daughter of Hass. Blooms winter/spring with two harvests.
Edranol	B	Pear	Green	Med-Pebbly	XLNT	Mar-Nov	Tall, Slender	Long hang time. Vigorous, tends to bear heavily in alternating years. Small seed.
Esther	A	Pear	Green	Medium	Usually XLNT	Summer-Fall	Small, Compact	Consistent heavy production. Hass x Nabal, Best near the coast. Inconsistent flavor.
Ettinger	B	Pear	Green	Thin	Good	Feb-Jun	Medium	Similar to Fuerte. Heavier production, large seed, fiber free, soft.
Fuerte	B	Pear	Green	Thin-Rough	XLNT	Jan-Apr	Tall, Spreading	Top 5 in flavor. Productivity is variable by location
Gem	A	Pear	Green-Black	Med-Thick	XLNT	Mar-Sept	Medium, Compact, Upright	Daughter of Gwen. Heavy, consistent production
Green Gold	A	Pear	Green	Med-Thick	XLNT	Feb-May	Medium Upright	Daughter of Sharwil, tends to alternate bear
Gwen	A	Oval	Green	Medium	XLNT	Mar-Aug	Small/Med, Upright	Granddaughter of Hass. Consistent & very heavy production
Hellen	B	Pear	Green	Thick	XLNT	Jul-Oct	Large, Spreading	Excellent peeling quality.
Holiday	A	Broad Pear	Green	Medium	XLNT	July-Nov	Short, Spreading	Shortest tree known. Firm flesh with salted butter flavor. Great for espalier

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Jan Boyce	A	Oval	Green	Medium	XLNT	Mar-Jul	Tall	Rated best tasting in local gardens. Doesn't peel easily; thin skin, very small seed.
Lamb Hass	A	Pear	Black	Pebbly	XLNT	June-Dec	Medium, Compact, Upright	Daughter of Gwen. Heavy, consistent production
Mexicola Grande	A	Pear	Black-Purple	Thin-Smooth	Good	Nov-Dec	Medium	Most frost tolerant. High quality fruit.
Nabal	B	Round	Green	Med-Thick	XLNT	June-Nov	Large, Upright	Good production but can be alternate bearing.
Nimlih	B	Round	Black	Thick-Pebbly	XLNT	Aug-Dec	Tall, Upright	Huge fruit, small seed
Pinkerton	A	Pear	Green	Med-Pebbly	XLNT	Jan-Jun	Medium, Spreading	Good backyard tree.
Queen	B	Pear	Dull Purple	Rough-Thick	XLNT	Jul-Aug	Tall, Spreading	Huge fruit, small seed
Reed	A	Round	Green-Black	Med-Thick	XLNT	Sept-Dec	Tall, Narrow	Consistent heavy production. Good size tree for yard
Sharwil	B	Oval	Green	Med-Thick	XLNT	Feb-Nov	Small, Spreading	Moderately consistent producer. Fruit can hang 10+months. Can be harvested March-January. Optimal time to harvest (for the best flavor) is April-Aug.
Sir Prize	B	Pear	Green-Black	Med-Thin	XLNT	March-July	Upright	Great grandchild of Hass. Early ripening. Big fruit with small seed.
Stewart	B	Pear	Green-Purple	Thin-Smooth	XLNT	Oct-Jan	Tall, Upright	Most cold tolerant. Good consistent production. Easy to peel. Small fruit.