

RHS AWARD OF GARDEN MERIT

Cabbage & borecole 2011



The AGM criteria

Intended as a practical guide for the gardener, the AGM is awarded only to plants that are:

- excellent for ordinary use in appropriate conditions
- available in the trade
- of good constitution
- essentially stable in form and colour
- reasonably resistant to pests and diseases

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H1 requires heated glass

H2 requires unheated glass

H3 hardy outside in some regions; needs frost-free protection in winter

H4 hardy throughout British Isles

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Descriptions

All descriptions have been drawn up by members of the RHS Fruit, Vegetable and Herb Committee, for the most part after trial.

CABBAGE (*Brassica oleracea* Capitata Group)

Early red, non-storing cabbage (September to October)

93 'Langedijker Red Early' (H3)

~ F1 hybrid. Round to oval, solid heads; less uniform than the hybrids

96 'Rodeo' (H3)

~ F1 hybrid. Good quality; dense oval to round heads with short core; uniform. Reconfirmed after trial 2009 for September to November cropping

96 'Rondy' (H3)

~ F1 hybrid; early. Oval, smooth, uniform, solid heads

96 'Rookie' (H3)

~ F1 hybrid; early. Round to slightly flat heads

93 'Ruby Ball' (H3)

~ F1 hybrid; early. Uniform, round heads

Autumn cabbage (September to November)

09 'Buscaro' (H3)

~ F1 hybrid. Attractive dark red, oval-round, well-filled heads. Very short core, with petioles that are not too thick. Stands well

09 'Castello' (H3)

~ F1 hybrid. Spread of maturity within rows is useful to the gardener. Ready from the end of August and standing well to the end of September. Cut and cooked when just ready, it will have a little yellow at the centre and good flavour, or can be left to mature fully for dense white cabbage that shreds well

09 'Consulate' (H3)

~ semi Savoy. Attractive round, dark green, dense heads, with good flavour, for late autumn cropping

09 'Minicole' (H3)

~ F1 hybrid. Good early autumn cultivar with attractive round heads.

09 'Picador' (H3)

~ F1 hybrid. Good quality dense round heads with a shorter core. Flexible; can be sown from Feb to May for July to November cropping

09 'Providence' (H3)

~ F1 hybrid. Mid season; nicely filled Savoy. Attractive dark green with good flavour and short core

09 'Red Jewel' (H3)

~ F1 hybrid. Attractive, solid, round-headed red cabbage with upright foliage and a short core. Could be grown at a closer spacing

09 'Savoy Serve' (H3)

~ F1 hybrid; early autumn cropping. Attractive Savoy; bright green, well-filled heads with good flavour

09 'Sherwood' (H3)

~ F1 hybrid. Flatter round heads with a short core. Flexible; can be sown from Feb to May for July to November cropping

09 'Stallion' (H3)

~ F1 hybrid. Very uniform, dark green heads. A solid round Savoy cross, with a shorter core and thin leaves

Savoy cabbage (September to March)

00 'Alaska' (H4)

~ F1 hybrid; mid season to late. Dark green, well-blistered leaves; small to medium heads. Could be grown at closer spacing for small heads. Reconfirmed after trial 2007

95 'Clarissa' (H3)

~ F1 hybrid; early. Flattened round heads, with dark green leaves; solid. Good peppery flavour

00 'Denver' ^(PBR) (H4)

~ F1 hybrid; early to mid season. Dark outer leaves with fine blister; heads dense, paler green, small to medium size

01 'Endeavour' (H4)

~ F1 hybrid; late. Attractive, mid green, well-blistered, medium-sized heads with good internal quality and sweet taste. Long stems

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- 95 **'Famosa'** (H3)
~ F1 hybrid; very early. Bright mid green leaves with reddish veins. Plants uniform
- 08 **'Highland'** (H4)
~ late 'Tundra' type with a rounder head and tidy frame
- 93 **'Julius'** (H3)
~ F1 hybrid; very early. Bright green, attractive, large, round heads. Reconfirmed after trial 1995
- 08 **'Medee'** (H4)
~ blue-green winter Savoy. Good dense heads with small blister. Will crop into March
- 95 **'Midvoy'** (H3)
~ F1 hybrid. Dark green blistered outer leaves with mid green, solid, round hearts
- 00 **'Primavoy'** (H3)
~ F1 hybrid; early. Round, solid heads which do not stand well
- 95 **'Protovoy'** (H3)
~ F1 hybrid; very early. Dark green, well-blistered outer leaves; pale green, round, solid hearts
- 08 **'Rigoletto'** (H4)
~ dense, dark green Savoy type with medium-large blister and a leafy, large frame
- 93 **'Taler'** (H4)
~ F1 hybrid; mid season. Round to flat round, grey-green heads with good uniformity
- 93 **'Tarvoy'** (H4)
~ F1 hybrid; mid season to late. Mid to dark grey-green, small, round, solid heads; short internal core. Will stand for a long period after maturity. Reconfirmed after trial 2000 and 2007
- 08 **'Traviata'** (H4)
~ uniform Savoy type to crop from October and into January
- 01 **'Tundra'** (H4)
~ F1 hybrid; dark green, slightly blistered leaf; heads solid and attractive. Sweet-tasting; overwinters well. Reconfirmed after trial 2007
- 01 **'Wintessa'** (H4)
~ F1 hybrid; late. Dark green well-blistered leaves, with uniform well-filled heads of good quality and flavour. Plants stand well
- 00 **'Wivoy'** (H4)
~ F1 hybrid; late. Tidy, dark green well-blistered leaves; slightly flattened, round, well-filled heads
- January King cabbage (November to March)**
- 08 **'Deadon'** (H4)
~ uniform, attractive 'January King' type with a flattened, round head
- 98 **'Flagship'** (H4)
~ F1 hybrid; relatively early. Uniform, flat, round heads with pronounced purple colour. Plants stand well
- 08 **'January King 3'** (H4)
~ open pollinated. Attractive heads that develop a good colour. Good yield and long spread of cut
- 93 **'Marabel'** (H4)
~ F1 hybrid; mid green leaves with good, deep red colour; round well filled heads with good standing ability. Reconfirmed after trial 2000 and 2007
- 98 **'Noelle'** (H4)
~ F1 hybrid; flat, round, heads; dark green leaves with good purple colouring. Winters well. Previously listed as 'Holly'. Reconfirmed after trial 2009 for September–November cropping
- 01 **'Robin'** (H4)
~ F1 hybrid; dark green leaves with good purple colour; very sweet-tasting. Heads small and solid; plants have long stems which lean. Winter-hardy. Reconfirmed after trial 2007 and 2009 for September to November cropping
- Winter hybrid (November to March)**
- 98 **'Beretta'** (H4)
~ dark green, blistered, Savoy-like leaves with dense heads of good flavour
- 98 **'Celtic'** (H4)
~ large leafy plants with bright green leaves and good, solid, uniform heads. Reconfirmed after trial 2000
- 98 **'Colt'** (H4)
~ for autumn cropping. Very compact plants producing round, solid heads with good colour, good flavour, and short internal stalk
- 98 **'Embassy'** (H4)
~ F1 hybrid; late; versatile, lightly blistered, bright green leaves; well-filled and sweet-tasting. Stands well. Reconfirmed after trial 2007 and 2009 (to crop September to November)
- 08 **'Huzaro'** (H4)
~ red cabbage; good crop of well filled, uniform heads. Could also be used for storage
- 08 **'Kilaton'** (H4)
~ late-season, large, white cabbage with claimed resistance to club-root
- 08 **'Redcap'** (H4)
~ F1 hybrid. Smaller red cabbage, bred for high density planting. Small stalk; thin ribs; bred for baby heads (750–800g). Could be spaced 12"x12" for 250–500g heads. Reconfirmed after trial 2009 for September to November cropping
- 98 **'Renton'** (H4)
~ early-maturing Tundra type. Very uniform plants with compact habit. Attractive, dense round heads. Reconfirmed after trial 2007
- 98 **'Roulette'** (H4)
~ F1 hybrid. Very sweet, good flavour, with some 'January King' in the breeding. Small, well-filled heads; suitable for the smaller garden. Cooks well. Reconfirmed after trial 2009 for September to November cropping
- 98 **'Winchester'** ^(PBR) (H4)
~ small, good quality heads; suitable for the smaller garden

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Winter white cabbage, for storage

- 93 **'Marathon'** (H3)
~ F1 hybrid; to harvest and store before frosts (stores well). Round to flat, solid heads

Spring cabbage (all pointed)

- 01 **'Dorado'** (H4)
~ as a hearted cabbage. Attractive blue-green leaf; short-stemmed; well-hearted and uniform
- 93 **'Duncan'** (H4)
~ F1 hybrid. Mid to dark green uniform heads with well-closed bases. A good early yield; plants heart slowly to produce small, solid heads. Reconfirmed after trial 2001 as spring greens and hearted cabbage
- 01 **'Durham Elf'** (H4)
~ as a hearted cabbage; dark blue-green leaf; short-stemmed
- 93 **'First Early Market 218'** (H4)
~ mid green, fairly compact heads of good colour and uniformity. Plants heart slowly to produce large, rather loose heads. Also as hearted greens
- 01 **'First Early Market 218 – Early Market'** (H4)
~ as hearted greens. Quick-maturing, good quality heads
- 01 **'First Early Market 218 – Mastercut'** (H4)
~ as spring greens; attractive dark green outer leaves; well-filled hearts
- 94 **'Jason'** (H4)
~ F1 hybrid; a vigorous variety producing heavy heads
- 93 **'Offenham 1 Myatt's Offenham Compacta'** (H4)
~ mid to dark green, attractive heads; medium to large, fairly solid hearts. Reconfirmed after trial 2001 as a hearted cabbage
- 01 **'Offenham 3 – Mastergreen'** (H4)
~ as spring greens; very uniform heads with tidy leaf bases; light green leaves; well-filled hearts

- 93 **'Pixie'** (H4)
~ mid green with good basal quality, producing small well-hearted heads. Reconfirmed after trial 2001 as a very early hearted cabbage
- 94 **'Pyramid'** (H4)
~ F1 hybrid. Very uniform, medium-sized, solid pointed heads, quite slow to mature; reconfirmed after trial 2001 as a hearted cabbage, and after trial 2002 as a summer cabbage
- 01 **'Sparkel'** (H4)
~ F1 hybrid. Late; attractive dark green leaves

Summer cabbage (June to August)

- 98 **'Augustor'** (H3)
~ F1 hybrid; mid season. Bright green compact plants; uniform, solid, medium-sized round heads with a short core
- 04 **'Candissa'** (H3)
~ F1 hybrid; early. Uniform, medium green, well-filled heads
- 02 **'Cape Horn'** (H3)
~ F1 hybrid; mid season to late; pointed. A larger, smooth-leaved cabbage
- 98 **'Charmant'** (H3)
~ F1 hybrid; mid season. Firm, uniform, attractive, medium to dark green heads. Reconfirmed after trial 2004
- 93 **'Derby Day'** (H3)
~ early. Bright, round, mid green, well-filled heads. Reconfirmed after trial 1998
- 98 **'Elisa'** ^(PBR) (H3)
~ F1 hybrid; early. Compact round heads with bright green glossy leaves
- 02 **'Excel'** (H3)
~ F1 hybrid; pointed; mid season to late. Uniform, tidy cabbage with a good colour and well-filled head
- 93 **'First of June'** (H3)
~ early. Round, mid green, with fairly long internal core

- 98 **'Golden Cross'** (H3)
~ F1 hybrid; early. Very uniform, small, round, solid, bright green cabbage
- 98 **'Gonzales'** (H3)
~ F1 hybrid. A compact round cabbage with small, dense heads and attractive pale green leaves
- 98 **'Green Express'** (H3)
~ F1 hybrid; mid season. Round, medium to large, dark green heads, well-filled with short cores
- 93 **'Grenadier'** (H3)
~ F1 hybrid; mid season. Rather large, round, uniform, mid green heads
- 02 **'Greyhound'** (H3)
~ early-maturing; pointed; pale to mid green; medium to large frame
- 98 **'Hermes'** (H3)
~ F1 hybrid; early mid season. Compact, round, solid, mid green heads with short cores
- 02 **'Hispi'** (H3)
~ F1 hybrid; early. Smooth, pointed, dark green outer leaves, with good uniformity and well-filled heart
- 04 **'Hotspur'** (H3)
~ F1 hybrid; mid season. Uniform, attractive, dense, dark green heads with shorter core and good wrap. Upright habit ideal for the garden; would suit closer spacing. Reconfirmed after trial 2009 to crop September to end of November
- 04 **'Independence'** (H3)
~ F1 hybrid; mid season. Uniform, medium to dark green, solid, well-protected heads
- 02 **'Marshall's Kingspi'** (H3)
~ F1 hybrid; pointed; early. Small frame with a well-filled head
- 98 **'Metino'** (H3)
~ F1 hybrid; late. Flat to round, smooth heads with dark green leaves and very short cores
- 98 **'Nordri'** (H3)
~ F1 hybrid; early to mid season. Round, solid, blue-green heads with short cores

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98 **'Patron'** (H3)

~ F1 hybrid; mid season. Round, solid, bright green heads with erect outer protecting leaves and short cores

04 **'Puma'** (H3)

~ F1 hybrid. Early, uniform, medium to dark green, well-filled heads

04 **'Redsky'** (H3)

~ F1 hybrid. Low-growing, compact plants producing small, round, dense heads with good dark red colour. Stands well.

04 **'Shelta'** (H3)

~ F1 hybrid. Mid season, uniform, neat, smaller-framed plants; medium to dark green with very solid heads

02 **'Spitfire'** (H3)

~ F1 hybrid; mid season. Pointed; quite large, with smooth, dark green outer leaves; good habit

93 **'Stonehead'** (H3)

~ F1 hybrid; late. Uniform, round, mid green heads. Also useful for cropping into the autumn from later planting

BORECOLE or CURLY KALE (*Brassica oleracea* Acephala Group)

00 **'Afro'** (H4)

~ medium height; mid green leaves, curled to the edge. Winters well

93 **'Bornick'** (H4)

~ F1 hybrid; finely curled pale to mid green leaves. For early cropping

93 **'Fribor'** (H4)

~ F1 hybrid; mid to dark green well-curved leaves. Winters well

99 **'Redbor'** (H4)

~ F1 hybrid. Tall plants with open habit; strongly curled purple-green leaves. Winters well

99 **'Reflex'** (H4)

~ F1 hybrid. Tall plants with very finely curled blue-green leaves. Winters well

93 **'Winterbor'** (H4)

~ F1 hybrid. Tall plants with finely curled blue-green leaves; winters well. Reconfirmed after trial 1999