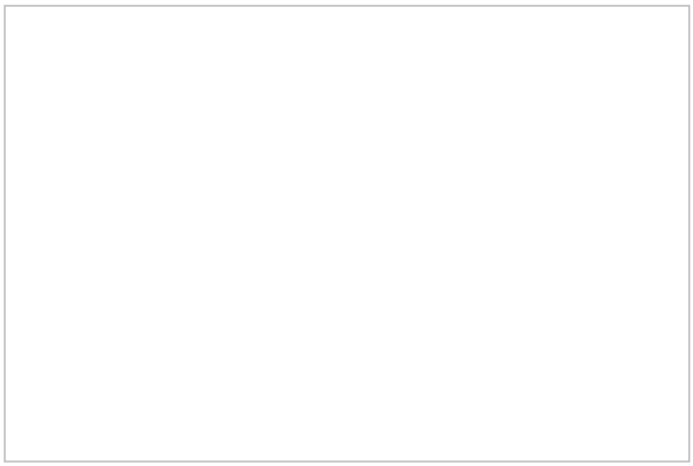
Volkamer lemon



This variety of uncertain origin is commonly thought to be a hybrid of the lemon and the Seville orange.
It is an old species that was already described in the 17th century by the Sienese Jesuit monk and keen botanist Giovanni Battista Ferrari (c.1584 1655) in his treatise on citrus fruit entitled Hesperides, sive de malorum aureorum cultura et usu libri IV (1646).
It is a vigorous plant, more rustic than the lemon, with assurgent branches and small-medium dark green leaves. The new shoots and flowers are slightly purplish, and the fruit is medium-sized and spherical, turning bright orange when ripe. The acidic juice is similar to that of the lemon.
Acid and faintly bitter with a pleasant fragrance and flavor, the Volkamer Lemon has been known for more than 3 centuries. Since the 1950s, the Volkamer has been used in Italy as a rootstock for more commercial lemon varieties. The fruit itself is quite similar to the rough Lemon or Italian Monachello.

Category: Citrus
Families: Rutaceae
Genus: Citrus
Species: x volkameriana
Geographical Area of Origin: Eastern Asia / Far East
Climatic Zones: Mediterranean: South and islands, hills. USDA 10 a
Habit: Tree
Leaves: Evergreen
Colore Foglie: Verde
Flowering Period: Gennaio / Febbraio / Marzo / Aprile / Ottobre / Novembre / Dicembre
Flower: Raceme
Colore Fiori: Bianco
Favorite soil: Sub-acid / medium acid / Middle-Dough / Medium soil
Water needs: Medium
Light Exposure: Medium shade / Half shade / Full light / Full sun
Form: Tree

Colore Frutti: Giallo ï Arancione 
Parfumed: yes