



PREMIUM CALIFORNIA CITRUS

{SKY VALLEY HEIRLOOM NAVELS}

Classic Style California Navel Oranges

Heirloom, by definition, is a valued family possession handed on from generation to generation.



Planted in the 1930's, Sky Valley Ranch consists of over 280 acres of premium citrus fruit including more than 200 acres of what are called "Old Line Washington Navel Oranges." In the 1930's this was the primary type of navel orange planted in California and gave California its reputation for the best tasting citrus in the world. The Sky Valley navel oranges were planted using sour orange root stock, commonly used in first half of the 20th century but seldom used anymore. For the large scale commercial grower this root stock and variety are no longer desirable as they do not produce as quickly or as heavily as the newer stocks. It is, however, the root stock and the age of the trees that gives Sky Valley its unique flavor profile and allows us to call its fruit "heirlooms".

Cotter Orchards and its sister company Cecelia Packing are only the fourth owner of Sky Valley Ranch, and we managed the farming on this property for fifteen years prior to buying it. Armed with that unique knowledge and experience, we have committed to allowing these old trees the best opportunity to continue producing this magnificent, increasingly rare fruit.

The "Sky Valley" label was developed to be used exclusively with oranges that meet this grand tradition. Sky Valley Heirloom Navel oranges are a reminder of another time when fruit was grown for its flavor and enjoyment, not its sizing or its timing. When you see the Sky Valley label you have the assurance that only our finest heirloom Navels go into this package.

These classic California Navel Oranges are available from January through the first half of April, so don't miss your chance to take advantage of the limited offering of this these wonderful old fashioned Navel oranges.

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"There is a distinct difference between Sky Valley Heirlooms and most other navel oranges... It is a combination of high sugar and high acid that gives them their unique flavor. These are the type of oranges that made California famous for the best tasting citrus in the world."

-Randy Jacobson of Cecelia Packing

