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Hi Friends,

Just back from a month long trip to Germany & Norway to visit family in each country.

As a passionate apple lover & grower, I kept a sharp eye out for apples during my travels.

I was pleased to see apples available in almost all breakfast and dinner offerings in Germany and Norway; at restaurants, in hotels, at local grocery stores and in our families kitchens (ready for quick use).

Apples were readily available, but sadly they were the same 7-8 varieties that I can find all day long here in California stores.

Pink Lady (very, very popular in Germany and Norway)

Gala

Braeburn

Yellow Delicious

Ambrosia

Pinata

Jazz

Jonagold

With the exception of three I have not previously seen in stores (all found in Germany):

Red Jonaprince (from Poland)

Elstar (from Germany)

Junami (from Switzerland)

I visited several nurseries while in Norway and learned that there is renewed interest in apple growing there, both commercially and in backyard orcharding. I also saw many hundreds of acres that have been newly planted into higher density apple orchards (at ~1,000 trees per acre) on ground that had previously been in cereal grains. It was great to see the apple making a strong comeback in Scandinavia!

Some of the tree varieties I noted (that I have never heard of before) being grown and marketed from the nurseries I visited in Norway included:

Akero Nassel

Aroma

Discovery

Filippa

James Grieve

Karin Schneider

Katinka

Katja

Kronprins

Lobo

Nanna

Red Savstaholm

Summerred

Transparent Blanche

. . . and for those of you looking for off the beaten path Cider offerings, Swedish liquor stores will have you impressively well covered!

Skål

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Paul, many of those are fairly well known...

Akero Nassel - Swedish

Aroma - Swedish

Discovery - English, well known

Filippa - well known and used for cider in Denmark

James Grieve - English, well known

Karin Schneider - Denmark

Katinka

Katja - Swedish origin, grown and liked in England under the name Katy. Also grown in North America

Kronprins

Lobo - Classical canadian variety, one of the favorites here in Quebec

Nanna

Red Savstaholm

Summerred - Canadian, from BC

Transparent Blanche - this is the Yellow Transparent

P.S.

I am currently heading for the "mostviertel", a region of Austria famous for its perry pear trees and its perry.

[\[www.mostviertel.at\]](http://www.mostviertel.at)

Should be interesting!

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Hi Claude,

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Good feedback, my friend. Nice! I had a hunch many of those must have some good followings (and flavor/purpose) to boot.

Thanks for the extra details. The "blanche" threw me as I thought it was going to be a new type of transparent, White Transparent vs Yellow, but so goes the fuzzy translation of an apple's many common names from one area to the next.

Nice to see them actively marketing & growing several Canadian favorites

Your trip to Mostviertel should be an amazing one. Just spent some time on that link you sent. That location was recently awarded the "European Destination of Excellence" with acknowledgement of their location being "Everything Pear". You are traveling to the hottest Pear Cider tasting spot on earth! . . . Have a great time and please do post up some pics when you get back!

Prost!

Paul

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When you were in Norway, did you visit Hardanger? The Gravensteins there are fantastic. The local apple juice, Epplemost, is, I believe, all Gravenstein.

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Hi Shelah,

We were in Norway from July 21 through August 5th. On the west coast of Norway, we did not make up as far as the Hardangerfjord area. Stavanger & Tau were as far up that side of the coast that we made it. Did some fantastic hiking and sight seeing all around the Lysefjord, special mention to [Preikestolen](#).

I did get the opportunity to enjoy several small batch craft bottled Eplemosts while there. Delicious!! Sounds like you have enjoyed them too.

Next time we are there (likely 2-3 years from now) I will make it a point to visit the Hardangerfjord area. We stayed south of Oslo, as a base for our regional travels. The drive from there to the west coast took us almost 10 hours -- with stops along the way. Norway is much larger than we imagined it to be . . . and truly spectacular!

Cheers!

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