‘Heritage’ Raspberry
(Rubus idaeus)

4-5’ x 1.5-2’ hardy, vigorous, with upright rugged canes that don’t require staking.

Awarded the 2004 ‘Outstanding Fruit Cultivar Award’ by the American Society of Horticultural Sciences. ‘Heritage’ the standard for fall bearing varieties.

High yielding with firm flavorful bright red berries, excellent for eating.

Bears a crop on the tips of first-year canes in the fall, followed by a typical summer crop on the lower portion of the canes the second year in late June. First year canes have green stems, while second year canes have a thin brown bark covering them. However, you can choose to grow just a fall crop by varying your pruning.

Prefers sites where plenty of morning sun, and some afternoon shade. Sandy loam, well drained organic soils; responds well to high fertility. Roots can grow to 4’ depth. Require 1-2” of water per week, but use drip irrigation in summer, to prevent wetting of plant. Provide good air circulation within canopy, but not excessive wind. Soil should have pH between 5.8 and 6.5. For the biggest crops, mulch around the plants each year with well-rotted manure or compost.

‘Heritage’ is resistant or tolerant to most, if not all, major raspberry diseases, and has been used as a parent in the breeding of at least five other commercial cultivars. Good freezing quality.

Pruning tips from arborday.org:

1. To have 2 crops, first-year canes (primocanes) should be left unpruned. Second-year canes should be removed after fruiting in the spring. Be careful not to injure the developing young first-year canes that will bear fruit in the fall.

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2. For only a fall crop, mow all the canes down to 2”-3” after the fall Harvest, during late fall or late winter. New canes will grow and produce fruit next fall.

Either way, dispose of all the canes to eliminate the spread of disease and insects. During growing season, remove any plants with misshapen leaves, berries that are too small and broken or rubbing canes.

Attracts birds and butterflies.

Photo 1: Missouri Botanical Garden PlantFinder
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Photo 2: North Central Conservation District