



The Redhaven Peach



***Prunus persica* 'Redhaven'**

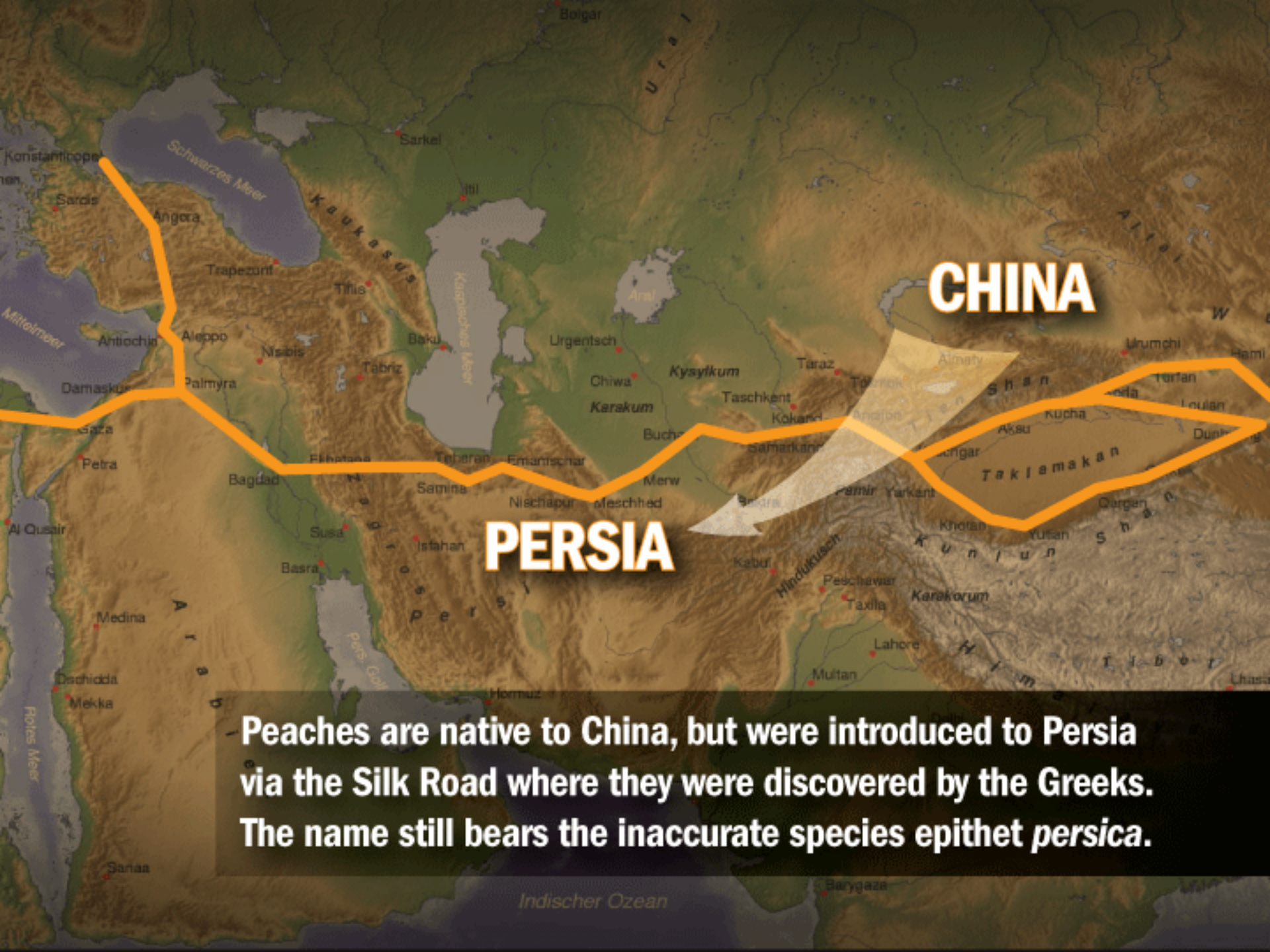


Family: Rosaceae

A detailed map of Central Asia and the surrounding regions, showing the Silk Road trade routes. The routes are highlighted in orange, starting from the Mediterranean Sea (Mittelmeer) and the Black Sea (Schwarzes Meer) in the west, passing through the Caucasus, Persia, and the Tien Shan mountains, and ending in the Indian Ocean (Indischer Ozean) in the east. The map includes numerous geographical features such as the Caspian Sea (Kaspisches Meer), the Aral Sea, and the Taklamakan Desert. Major cities and trade centers are labeled, including Konstantinopel, Antiochia, Aleppo, Bagdad, Samarkand, and others. The word "CHINA" is prominently displayed in the upper right corner.

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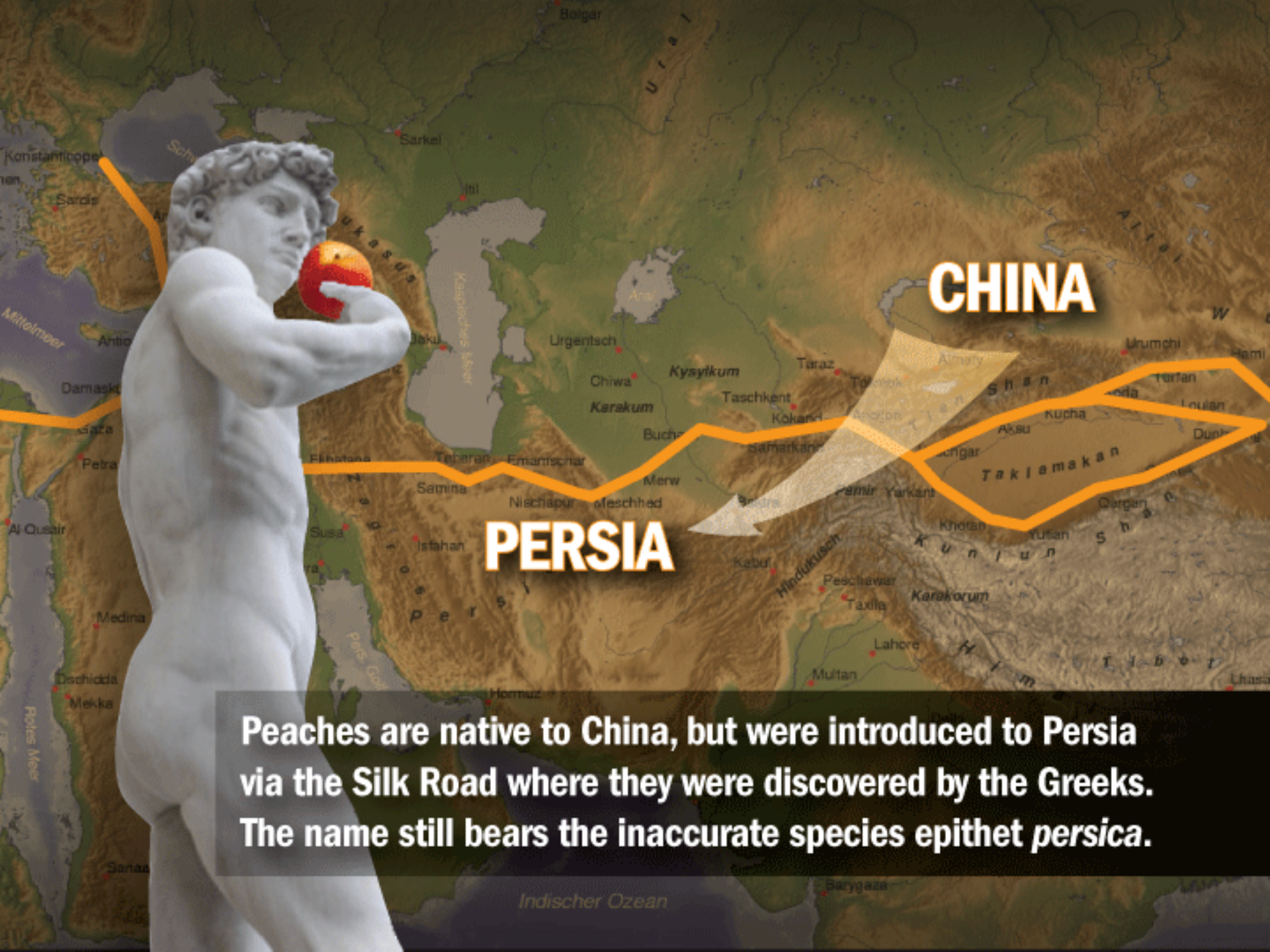
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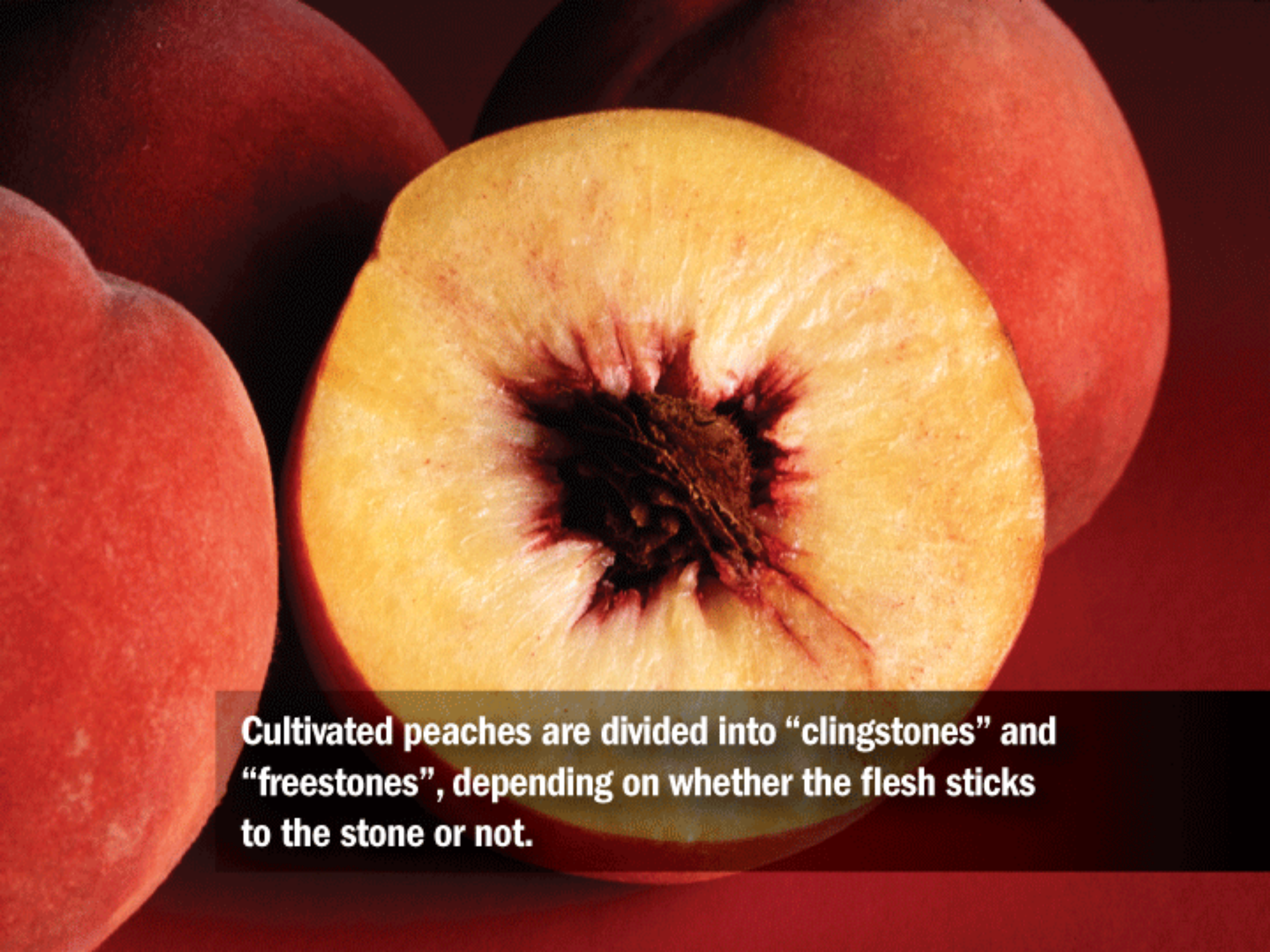
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Cultivated peaches are divided into “clingstones” and “freestones”, depending on whether the flesh sticks to the stone or not.



Peaches with white flesh are typically very sweet with little acidity.



South Haven Mich.

The Redhaven Peach was cultivated in South Haven, Michigan
by Stanley Johnston in 1938 .

Michigan

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He was seeking to produce a peach that would improve upon the Elberta Peach – the most popular peach at that time.

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Summer Peach Cake