Pepper Aji Rico F1
AAS Edible Winner

Aji Rico is the first of its kind: a hybrid hot pepper from the *Capsicum baccatum* species that matures early for short-season production or early summer enjoyment. The large plant produces many thin-walled, crunchy fruits which have a narrow conical shape. Fruit matures from green to red and can be eaten at any stage. “Ají” is the term for chili in South America. These fruits have a refreshing citrus flavor and warm heat level, perfect for eating fresh or cooking into salsas or hot sauces. Simply incorporate the desired number of seeds from the pepper to add some heat. Aji also dries well for a flavorful homemade paprika.

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Genus species: *Capsicum baccatum*
Common name: Pepper
Fruit size: 3-4 inch x 1.25 to 1.75 inch
Fruit shape: Narrow, conical
Fruit color: Red
Plant type: Annual
Plant height: 30-36 inches
Plant habit: Bushy
Garden location: Full sun
Garden spacing: 2-3 feet
Length of time to harvest: 50-55 days from transplant to mature green; 70-75 days from transplant to ripe red
Closest comparisons on market: Aji Cristal, Mayan