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In 1999 Don Winterstein, with prodding from his Chinese spouse, purchased a Li jujube. Over time and with grafting he added a Sherwood. He has not been disappointed at all in these trees, but over the years since then has learned a lot about what they like and how they behave. Today he considers them among his favored fruit trees, but recognizes that the qualities that he likes in their fruits aren't necessarily the reasons that others like them. Don says that jujubes are great trees to have in a garden and, except for having to deal with the root suckers and tolerating bird damage, are very robust and pretty much trouble-free.

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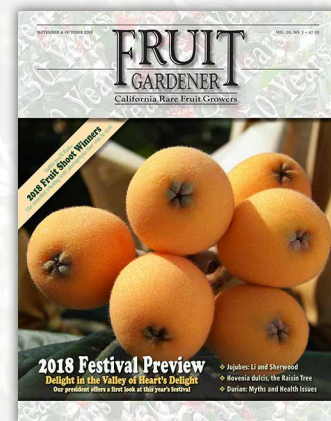
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This beautiful bunch of perfect loquat fruit is presented on the cover in honor of our friend and vital CRFG member, the late Jim Nietzel.

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