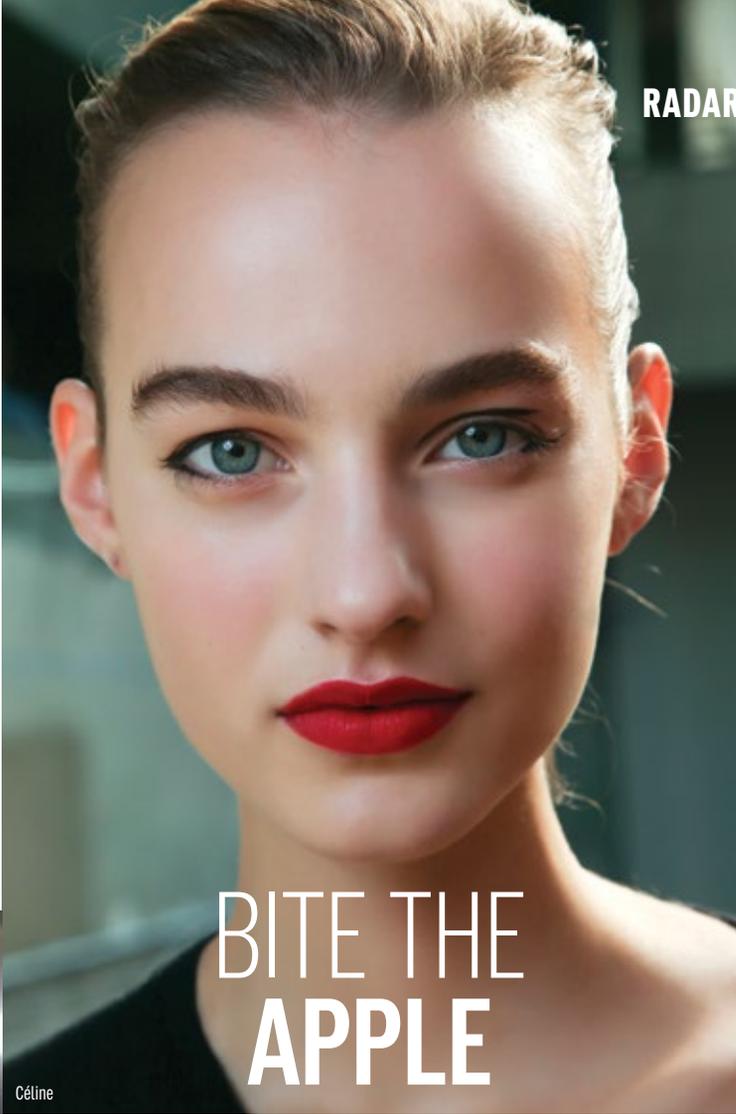




Acne Studios



Dolce & Gabbana



Céline

# BITE THE APPLE

*Candy apple red with varying nuances of pink is the lip hue of the season*



Jason Wu



1. Shu Uemura Sheer Shine Lipstick in RD150, RM88. 2. Chanel Rouge Coco in Romy, RM115. 3. Bobbi Brown Rich Lip Color in Old Hollywood, RM93. 4. NARS Audacious Lipstick in Grace, RM101. 5. Urban Decay Vice Lipstick in Mega Matte Alpha, RM70. 6. Rouge Dior in Rose Harpers, RM120

Red lipstick is a runway mainstay, and every season we look forward to seeing exactly which shades will come down the runway. But for Spring/Summer 2016, makeup artists were united in their choice: candy apple red was unequivocally the hue of the season. We're talking Snow White apple red, a bright, saturated colour with varying intensities of pink.

At Dolce & Gabbana, Pat McGrath pressed on magenta-tinted red with a satiny finish, and said her inspiration was "the joy of an Italian holiday!". At Jason Wu the girls wore a powdered, velvety shade that was more red than pink (ditto for the stay-in-place red at Céline), while at Acne Studios it was a deeper hue. Topshop Unique went for bang-on bright, with the brand's beauty consultant Hannah Murray describing the look as "Princess Margaret meets Courtney Love."

Three words sum up what we learned from the shows: less is more. "I think beauty's becoming less about piling on, and more about what's underneath," said makeup artist Yadim at Jason Wu. Rules for wearing the shade: keep the face clean, literally – skincare for freshness and foundation only where necessary; accent with ease – brushed up brows, a hint of blusher or transparent mascara and nothing more; and if you have to add something, make it flicked eyeliner like at Dolce & Gabbana – a timeless combo for any season. □

## EDITOR'S TIPS

When picking a candy apple hue, consider your skin tone. Fair skin looks amazing with more pink, medium skin can rock just about any shade and dark skin is amazing with purplish hues.

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