

Rainier

Stain Proof!



- **Origin**
 - A cross between the Bing and Van cultivars created in 1952 at Washington State University by Harold Fogle who named it after Mount Rainier, a landmark in Washington State.
 - Released in 1958 for commercial production
- **Growing Characteristics**
 - Tree produces sweet, large, yellow fruit with a red blush. The fruit is firm and the flesh is fine-textured and clear to light yellow. Fans of the Rainier appreciate the creamy-yellow flesh, which gives the blush of the skin a sunny undertone. It is a very productive tree that resists cracking, spurs and doubles. The tree will pollinate with the Bing cherry. It will not self-pollinate.
 - Average individual fruit size typically exceeds 1"
- **Flavour Profile**
 - A very attractive, exceptionally large, yellow cherry with a bright red blush.
 - Rainier has a distinctive and superior appearance among sweet cherry varieties. Delicately flavored with extraordinary sugar levels, the flesh is pure yellow, very firm and finely textured.
 - A much sought after cherry, with a skin of yellow and blush of red. The flesh of the cherry is a creamy yellow.
 - Described as sweetness in heaven, the Rainier has a distinct sweetness that is much higher than that of ordinary cherries (17-23% Sugar)
- **Availability / Uses**
 - **A young mother's favorite as this cherry does not stain.**
 - Matures in late June to early July
 - Usually eaten fresh out of hand or included in simple fruit salads
 - As a general rule, they are too sweet for pie-making, although they can be used in jams and preserves.

Stella



- **Origin**
 - Developed at the Summerland Research Station by Karlis Lapins by pollinating Lambert blooms with self-fertilizing pollen from England. The introduction of 'Stella' in 1968 was significant, as it was the first self-fertile sweet cherry cultivar with good fruit quality.
- **Growing Characteristics**
 - This attractive cherry tree produces a copious supply of large sweet red cherries while reaching a mature height of only 15 feet!
 - Stellas are reliable croppers, producing large, sweet and juicy cherries that are almost black when ripe.
 - The Stella cherry is also resistant to cracking, which occurs if there is heavy rain whilst the fruit is ripening.
- **Flavour Profile**
 - The large nearly black Stella cherry is heart to oval in shape with a medium – course and moderately firm sweet, richly flavoured black flesh.
- **Availability / Uses**
 - Ready early to mid July
 - **A popular desert cherry. Just wash and eat.**
 - **An Excellent Cherry variety for Drying**

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Lambert



- **Origin**
 - Joseph Hamilton Lambert (1825–1909), was an American pioneer of Oregon and an orchardist who developed the Lambert
 - Large, richly colored, flavorful, and with small pits.
 - Lambert Cherries are one of the older varieties of cherries and are now hard to find.
 - Developed by grafting a seedling, found in 1848 under a Napoleon cherry tree to the rootstock of a May Duke cherry. The crown of the tree died in 1880 and a new tree grew from its roots that was neither a May Duke, nor the original seedling. The resulting cherry was immediately popular.
 - Lambert introduced his cherry to the Oregon Horticultural Society in 1896 and it became one of the most important cherries grown in the early Oregon orchards, along with Royal Annes, Bings, and Black Republicans.
 - In 1916, it was called the “finest cherry grown in America”
- **Growing Characteristics**
 - Tree bears at a young age and will eventually reach 15-16'tall
 - Medium-sized dark red cherries, usually heart-shaped
 - Resistant to cracking and tolerates manipulation and transportation well.
 - Similar in size to the Bing
- **Flavour Profile**
 - A good quality, large, nearly black, richly flavoured sweet cherry with a sweet and firm flesh
 - Quite sweet - 17-19% Sugar
- **Availability / Uses**
 - **Superior cherry for out-of-hand eating and also great for Canning, Freezing or Drying.**
 - Ready mid to late July



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Van



- **Origin**
 - Created at the Agriculture Canada Research Center in Summerland, BC in 1944.
 - Produces magnificent cherry blossoms every spring and is one of the best pollinators for any other sweet cherry tree.
- **Growing Characteristics**
 - The Van cherry tree is hardy, vigorous and a prolific bearer of high quality sweet cherries.
 - Cold resistant with branches that garnish many May bouquets.
- **Flavour Profile**
 - Very hardy and resembles Bing cherries (Hard, Black & Crunchy).
 - The cherries are a winner in many taste test competitions. The skin is a deep red with a sweet, tasty flesh.
 - Fruit is not prone to bruising - good for manipulation and transportation.
- **Availability / Uses**
 - Ripens mid to late July.
 - Typically used in “Black Cherry” ice cream.
 - Excellent for conserving & freezing.
 - Great for snacking.
 - Used to make Cherry Wine.
 - **My personal favourite!** 😊

Lapins



- **Origin**
 - Developed at the Agriculture Canada Research Center in Summerland, BC and released in 1984.
 - The result of a Van / Stella cross, the Lapins cherry variety is named for its developer, Dr. K.O. Lapin, the man who also developed the Stella.
 - Often chosen as an alternative for Bing, Lapins are the most widely planted variety in BC.
- **Growing Characteristics**
 - The flowers bloom to a nice white color each spring. The foliage, green from spring through fall, changes to orange, red, or yellow in late Sept/Oct.
 - Reaching a mature height of 20 feet, the Lapin is an excellent pollinator, heavy bearer and resists late frosts.
 - Sometimes called the "self fertile" Bing, these later maturing cherries help extend the cherry season.
- **Flavor Profile**
 - The Lapin Cherry, (la PAHN), the French word for "rabbit", is a big, tantalizing, very sweet, dark & juicy ruby red cherry with a light red flesh.
 - Lapins are very firm and have a shiny, crack resistant skin.
 - A Bing-type cherry - only bigger! These are some of the largest, juiciest cherries that grow on trees!
 - Difficult to find in chain grocery stores, connoisseurs call the Lapins “justly renowned for the quality of the fruit, richness of cherry flavor, and split resistance.”
 - Sugar: 17-19%
- **Availability / Uses**
 - Ripens in late July / Early August.
 - Great for snacking, and so big, one cherry is a mouthful!
 - Cooking or Baking, Good for pies, Canning or Freezing
 - **The crunchiness & juiciness will win your heart ... and your stomach.**

Sweetheart



- **Origin**
 - A self-fertile sweet cherry cross between Van and Newstar developed at the research station in Summerland, B.C. in 1975 and released in 1994.
 - Winner of the “Outstanding Fruit Cultivar 2012” award.
- **Growing Characteristics**
 - An appropriate name for this late season gem.
 - The self-fruitful cherry tree, produces a heart-shaped medium-to-large lighter mahogany colored fruit that remains crunchy when picked and eaten.
 - Cherries resists cracking and ripen late.
- **Flavour Profile**
 - Their unique taste is a spectacular finale for the summer.
 - Sweetheart™ has a mild, sweet flavor and outstanding firmness.
 - Harvest at light mahogany stage for best results.
- **Availability / Uses**
 - **Sweetheart Cherries are the last cherry of the season!**
 - A large, bright red cherry maturing one week to ten days after Lapins (late July / Early August).
 - It has a milder flavor and good sugar content (17-19% Sugar).



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