

CHERRIES FOR WARM WINTER AREAS

SWEET CHERRY					
<u>Prunus avium</u>					
Cultivar	Pollinizer Required	Estimated Chill Hours	Fruit Season	Flavor	Comments
Minnie Royal	Yes - Royal Lee	250-300	Early	Excellent "Bing" quality fruit	In low-chill climates and when the trees are young, Royal Lee tends to bloom a little later than Minnie Royal. Minnie Royal always out-produces Royal Lee
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BUSH CHERRIES					
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Joel Bush Joy Bush Jan Bush. (Prunus japonica x P.jacquemontii)	Yes	250 - 350	Mid - late	good	A Montmorency type cherry. Bushes are only 4 feet tall.
Nanking Cherry (Prunus tomentosa)	Best with pollinizer	200 - 300	Mid	good	Produces sweetly scented spring flowers and tremendous crops of tasty fruit. Grows 6-8 ft. high; looks good in a hurry. For best yield, plant two or more.

CAPULIN (TROPIC) CHERRY

Prunus salicifolia

This evergreen to semideciduous tree is erect and somewhat umbrella-shaped, very fast growing and reaches a height of 30 feet or more. Fruit ripen from mid-May to midsummer. Resembling the northern cherry, the fruits are 1/2 to 3/4 inch in diameter and deep glossy maroon to dark purple in color, with a thin, tender skin. The pale green, firm, juicy flesh is sweet and agreeable with a touch of astringency. The pit is rather large in proportion to the size of the fruit.

Varieties available include: **Ecuadorian**

Very large, round fruit up to 1-1/2 inch in diameter. Light green, sweetish flesh, free of astringency when ripe. Drooping tree, outbears many other cultivars.

Fausto

Large fruit, 2/3 to 1 inch in diameter. Flesh green, flavor rich and sweet. Ripens late, August to September in Vista. Tree upright about drooping, a reliable annual bearer. Has good commercial potential.

Harriet

Large, flattened globe-shaped fruit, 3/4 to 1 inch in diameter. Skin deep purple-black. Flesh green, more or less free of astringency, flavor good. Seed relatively small, Tree is a genetic dwarf, somewhat of a shy bearer.

Huachi Grande

Large to very large, roundish fruits 1 inch or more in diameter. Very mild flavor, lacking the astringency of other capulins. Ripens early to midseason. Appears to require high temperatures to develop best flavor. Tree a very heavy producer, tends to over produce in heavy clusters.

Lomeli

Large, roundish fruit, 1 to 1-1/8 inch in diameter. Flesh fairly astringent, flavor good. Seed small. Tree a heavy producer, often yielding more than 200 lbs. of fruit. Bears fruit in clusters. Performs very well in cool coastal locations.

Werner

Small fruit with very good flavor. Tree a light producer, appears to bear better on certain rootstocks. Extremely vigorous, can grow 15 ft. or more in one year. Named for Andrew Werner of Santa Cruz, Calif.



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