

Benton™

Parents: *Stella* x *Beaulieu*
Cross made in 1971 by Tom Toyama.
Tested as PC7146-8.



U.S. Plant Patent (pending) and trademark assigned to Washington State University Research Foundation and licensed in North America to the Northwest Nursery Improvement Institute.

Benton™ is a mid-season, excellent quality dark red sweet cherry. Similar to *Bing* in appearance, the fruit is large but ripens a few days before *Bing*, has excellent firmness, and superior flavor. *Benton*™ produces a vigorous tree that is similar in branching angle to *Bing*. It blooms later than *Bing*, consistently crops well, has lower susceptibility to rain cracking than *Bing*, and is self fertile.



In consumer evaluations at the local Prosser Farmer's Market, *Benton*™ has performed better than all other cherries, including *Bing*, due to its superior flavor and quality.

Production and compatibility of *Benton*TM on rootstocks other than Mazzard is unknown at this time. *Benton*TM is susceptible to powdery mildew.