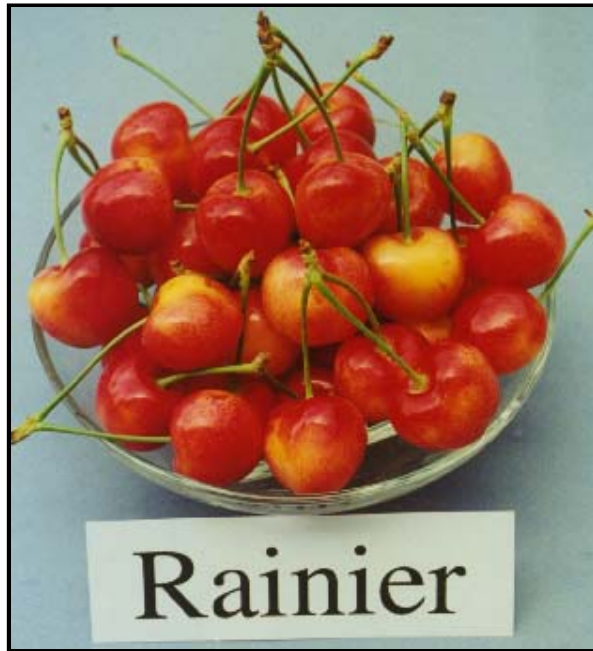


Rainier

Parents: *Bing* x *Van*
Cross made in 1952 by Harold Fogle.
Tested as P1-680.



A public cultivar developed by the U.S.D.A. at Washington State University's Irrigated Agriculture Research Center

Rainier is a mid-season, premium export-quality blushed yellow sweet cherry, the highest value cherry produced in the Pacific Northwest. More similar to *Van* than *Bing* in shape, the fruit is very large in size, with a yellow skin having patches of red blush and clear yellow flesh. It ripens 3 to 6 days after *Bing*, has excellent firmness, and an outstanding sweet, mild flavor. The susceptibility to rain-induced cracking is comparable to *Bing*; its susceptibility to bruising is similar to *Bing* but bruises show more readily due to the yellow flesh.



***Rainier* produces a vigorous, spreading tree. Its productivity is very good. *Rainier* flowers precociously and fruits heavily, achieving sizable early yields even on typically vigorous, non-precocious rootstocks. Dwarfing rootstocks may provide greater control in managing the canopy light environment (important for good blush development) and in protecting the fruit from wind and rain. *Rainier* has both superior bud and wood cold hardiness.**



***Rainier* begins blooming a day or two ahead of *Bing*, with a generally good overlap with both *Bing* and *Van* in the Pacific Northwest. It is self-infertile; known cross-pollinizers include *Bing*, *Van*, *Sam*, *Index*[™], and *Lapins*. Pollen compatibility Group IX (S₁S₄).**

The chilling requirement of *Rainier* is not yet known. *Rainier* is susceptible to powdery mildew.