Washington State University Cherry Cultivar Releases

TietonTM

Parents: Stella x Early Burlat Cross made in 1971 by Tom Toyama. Tested as PC7144-6.





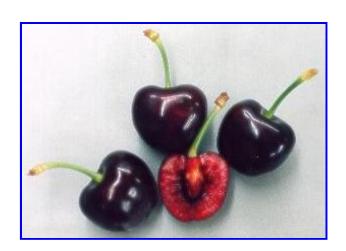
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<u>Tieton</u>TM is an early-season, premium export-quality dark red sweet cherry. Similar to *Bing* in appearance, the fruit is very large in size (10 to 14 g, 28 to 32 mm width), with a glossy mahogany red skin and medium red flesh. It ripens 6 to 9 days before *Bing*, has excellent firmness, and a mild flavor. The susceptibility to both rain-induced cracking and heat-induced double/spur fruit are comparable to *Bing*.





TietonTM produces a vigorous tree that is similar in branching angle to *Bing*. Its productivity is light to moderate on standard rootstocks, suggesting that dwarfing, precocious, highly-productive rootstocks may be preferred. Experience with *Tieton* TM on Gisela[®] 5 suggests this may be the most optimal combination for moderating tree vigor and improving tree productivity.





Tieton[™] begins blooming slightly ahead of Bing, overlapping bloom periods very well in the Pacific Northwest. It is self-infertile but is compatible with Bing. It is incompatible with Burlat, Chelan[™] and PC 7214-3. Pollen compatibility (S₃S₉).

The chilling requirement of $Tieton^{TM}$ is not yet known, but is presumed to be similar to that of $Bing.\ Tieton^{TM}$ is susceptible to powdery mildew.