



TAMARA™

Sweet Cherry

PROFILE

Reid Fruits is the licensee for Tamara™ in Australia and has a 165 year history in fruit production and export. Reid Fruits has extensive nursery operations in Tasmania with a focus on improving quality supply of planting material through extensive virus testing and selection.

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PARENTAGE

Van x Krupnoplodnaja (a large, firm Ukrainian variety).

Developed at the Research and Breeding Institute of Pomology in Holovousy, Czech Republic.

DESCRIPTION

Fruit

Tamara™ is a precocious variety that produces exceptionally large (wide), firm fleshed, heart-shaped fruits that have an aromatic balanced sweet-sharp flavor. Dark red fruits in test blocks show average fruit size above 30mm. Stems moderately long (40mm) and appear quite thick. Test plots in Tasmania have shown greater crack resistance than Lapin and Simone. The variety has been highly recommended globally for commercial growing.

Growth

Medium to strong growth with a relatively open structure and pendant laterals. Would suite a steep leader system. Good frost resistance in test blocks.

Suggested rootstocks GiSela® 6, 12 or 13 and Colt™

Blossom

Early to Medium bloom time. S – Allele S1S9 (source JKI, Dr Mirko Schuster). Suggested pollinators in Australia – Samba, Santina, Lapin, Sweetheart

Yield

Early cropping. Overseas experience indicates regular moderate yields.

Harvest

5th cherry harvest week. Tasmania similar to Van (Christmas/New Year), Suggested to harvest slightly on the early side as stem pull force reduces if left too long on the tree. Reid Fruits is intending to develop Tamara™ for both domestic and export markets.

Commercialization

Tamara™ attracts a one-off royalty at purchase, after which growers are free to grow, pack and market the variety.