
Washington State University Cherry Cultivar Releases

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Parents: *Stella* x *unknown*
Cross made in 1972 by Tom Toyama.
Tested as PC7222-1.



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***Index*™** is an early-to-mid-season, export-quality dark red sweet cherry. Similar to *Bing* in appearance with a somewhat flattened dorsal side, the fruit is large in size, with a glossy mahogany red skin and medium red flesh. It ripens 4 to 6 days before *Bing*, has good firmness, and excellent flavor. The susceptibility to rain-induced cracking is comparable to *Bing*.



***Index*™** produces a tree that is similar in branching angle to *Bing*. Its productivity is very good. ***Index*™** begins blooming several days ahead of *Bing*, overlapping very well with *Chelan*™ in the Pacific Northwest. It is self-fertile and thus can pollinate other cultivars with similar bloom times. The chilling requirement of ***Index*™** is not yet known, but is presumed to be similar to *Bing*.

Production and compatibility of ***Index*™** on rootstocks other than Mazzard is unknown

at this time.