**Benton**<sup>TM</sup>

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

**Benton**<sup>TM</sup> 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**<sup>TM</sup> 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**<sup>TM</sup> has performed better than all other cherries, including *Bing*, due to its superior flavor and quality.
Production and compatibility of Benton™ on rootstocks other than Mazzard is unknown at this time. Benton™ is susceptible to powdery mildew.