

Sweet cherry

Variety: **Souvenir de Charmes**

Species: *Sweet cherry, Prunus avium*



Origin:	
Breeder, Place	found by H. Sandrin at Denice (France) in the 1930s
Parents	chance seedling
Synonym	Bigarreau Moreau
Property rights	free variety
Blossom:	
Blooming date	very early, long blossom period
Fertility	self-sterile
S-allele, sterility group	S3 S9, group 16
Pollinator	Nimba (S), CERASINA™ Prim 2.3 (S), CERASINA™ Prim 3.1 (S), BELLISE™ Bedel, EARLY RED™ Maraly (S), ADELISE™ Masdel, SAMBA™ Sumste (S), Vanda (S), Christiana (S), Aida (S), Tamara (S), SWEETHEART™ Sumtare (S)
Incompatible with	Burlat, CERASINA™ Prim 2.1 (S), Walter (S)
Fruit:	
Ripening time	very early, 1.-2. cherry week, uneven ripening
Scale, shape	medium, 27-29 mm, 9-11 g, heart-shaped without apex, medium long stalk
Colour	shiny red to dark red
Fruit flesh	medium firm to firm, Durofel pressure 25: 60-65, juicy, firm skin
Taste	mild taste, sweetish, just before maturity slightly sourish
Cracking sensitivity	medium
Tree:	
Vigour	medium to strong growth, semi-upright to spreading, moderate branching without blind wood
Crop load	on stronger rootstocks late beginning and irregular yield, on weaker growing rootstocks early beginning and medium to high crop

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Evaluation:	The early ripening variety is especially recommended for dry and early sites. The fruits are firm, cracking resistant and travels well. These qualities have not been achieved by any other variety in this ripening period up to now. More than one pick is necessary. The susceptibility to Monilia, Valsa, Gnomonia and bacterial canker can be an issue.
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