



Juliet Cherry

Prunus fruticosa x *cerasus* 'Juliet'
(Romance Series Dwarf Sour Cherry)

CARE REQUIREMENTS

Sun:

- Full Sun

Water:

- Moderate
- Keep evenly moist during establishment and berry production

Mature Size:

- 6–8 ft tall
- 5–7 ft wide

Hardiness Zone:

- USDA Zones 2–7
- Exceptional for Alaska

Growth Rate:

- Moderate to Fast

Bloom Time:

- Late Spring

Bloom Color:

- White to Soft Pink

Fruit Harvest:

- Mid to Late Summer

Fruit:

- Large dark red cherries
- Sweet-tart flavor (sweeter than traditional pie cherries)
- Excellent fresh, canned, baked, or preserved

PLANTING

Best Planting Conditions:

- Plant in full sun for strongest flowering and fruit set
- Prefers well-drained soil
- Tolerates a wide range of soils, including many Alaska landscapes
- Excellent for edible hedges, homesteads, and fruiting borders
- Avoid soggy or poorly drained areas

POLLINATION

Pollination:

- Self-pollinating
- Produces fruit on its own, but multiple bush cherries can improve yields

ALASKA NOTES

Alaska-Specific Tips:

- One of the best fruiting cherries for extreme cold climates
 - Romance Series was bred specifically for prairie and northern hardiness
- Late bloom helps reduce frost damage risk
- Mulch before winter, especially when young
- Netting may be needed to protect fruit from birds

PRUNING & MAINTENANCE

Pruning:

- Minimal pruning needed
 - Remove dead, damaged, or crossing branches in late winter or early spring
 - Can thin older stems to improve airflow and berry production

Fertilizing:

- Compost or balanced fertilizer in spring
- Avoid heavy nitrogen, which can reduce fruiting

COMMON MISTAKES

- Planting in shade
- Poor drainage
- Overwatering established plants
- Heavy pruning that removes fruiting wood
- Underestimating bird pressure at harvest time

KEN'S TIPS

- **Juliet Cherry gives Alaska growers one of the best combinations of beauty, hardiness, and edible reward — think ornamental shrub meets serious fruit producer.**