

What are Rainier cherries? What do they look and taste like?

Rainier cherries are type of sweet cherry. They are yellow with a partial to full red blush and have crisp bite with a flesh that is smooth and nearly colorless. Rainier cherries have a super-sweet flavor with little to no acidity.

Where are Rainier cherries grown?

Stemilt grows Rainier cherries in both sunny California and beautiful Washington State. The dry, warm days and cool nights that are common during central Washington's summer months are ideal for Rainier cherries. It's a delicate variety and needs just the right spot and lots of TLC to grow into delicious fruit!



When are Rainier cherries available?

Stemilt's Rainier cherries are available from May to August. Our May to mid-June Rainiers come from California. Stemilt's Washington-grown Rainier cherries come off the tree from mid-June through July.

How did Rainier cherries come to be?

Rainier cherries originated in 1952 after Harold Fogel and other researchers from the Washington Agriculture Experiment Station in Prosser, WA crossed the Bing and Van cherry varieties. These two red cherries produced a golden yellow cherry with a red blush and incredibly sweet flavor. Rainier cherries were named after Mount Rainier, the highest peak in Washington State.

What is unique about growing Rainier cherries?

Rainier cherries are a true labor of love. This delicate variety is a common pollinizer tree for dark-sweet varieties. Stemilt saw potential in the super-sweet flavor of Rainiers and led the industry in growing them on a large scale. Stemilt takes lots of precaution to protect Rainiers, including using windscreens to natural bird abatement techniques. All of this TLC is worth it to delight shoppers with Rainier cherries each summer.

How can I use Rainier cherries?

Rainier cherries are great for a fresh and delicious snack. You can also use them as a sweet bite in salads or a garnish in summertime sips!

Who is Stemilt Growers?

Stemilt Growers is a family owned and operated tree fruit company based out of Wenatchee, Washington. They grow, pack and ship high-quality apples, pears, cherries and summer fruits. Stemilt is also a leading organic tree fruit supplier and sustainability leader.

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