



Lapins Cherry *Prunus Avium*

09-21



<u>Hardiness</u>	<u>Exposure</u>	<u>Soil</u>	<u>Water</u>	<u>Flowers</u>	<u>Height</u>
Zones 2, 6-9, 14, 15	Full sun	Deep well drained soil	Regular watering	Faintly fragrant white flowers	20-35 feet tall

Lapins is from a Van x Stella cross and is currently considered the best variety at Summerland. It was introduced in 1984. It is a self-fertile tree that bears good crops annually. The fruit is moderately large, dark red, firm, moderately sweet and has a good flavour. The late maturing fruit (about 11 days after Van) are set on the earliest bloom at Summerland (bloom date 3-4 days earlier than Van). It appears that this selection responds very well to sprays of G.A. applied 4 weeks prior to harvest, resulting in larger, firmer fruit with up to 1 week delay in maturity. In some years over cropping may be a problem. Wind whipping of the fruit has occurred in some years, so growers may wish to give some thought to planting in a protected location if possible. The tree is vigorous and the natural growth habit appears to be upright with little tendency to spread. This makes tree training a challenge. The fruit has a good tolerance to rain splitting, and combined with the good natural canopy and the late maturity season Lapins is rated as one of Summerland's best cherries. The trees are fairly precocious, and good crops have been harvested from 4 year old trees