



Prunus avium 'Varikse Zwarte'



Height	6-8 m
Width	6-8m
Crown	broad ovoid, half-open crown, capricious growing
Bark and branches	brown
Leaf	green
Flowers	white, flowers in April-May
Fruits	edible fruits, red, black-red
Spines/thorns	None
Toxicity	usually not toxic to people, (large) pets and livestock
Soil type	clayed soil, loamy soil, sandy soil, calcareous soil
Paving	tolerates no paving
Winter hardiness zone	6 (-23,3 to -17,8 °C)
Wind resistance	fairly to good
Other resistances	resistant to frost (WH 1 - 6)
Fauna tree	resistant to frost (WH 1 - 6), valuable for bees (honey plant)
Application	small gardens, patio gardens
Shape	clearstem tree, clearstem fruit tree

'Varik Black' is a sweet cherry with a semi-open crown of 6-8 m in height. The crown is broad ovoid and slightly irregular in shape. In autumn, the leaves turn orange to purplish red. The tree flowers in late April and early May with soft pink blossom. 'Varikse Zwarte' is not self-pollinating, which means that a tree of another cherry variety should be nearby for good fruiting. Preferably, BURLAT, 'Double Meikers' or 'Early Rivers' are used for this purpose. The cherries of 'Varikse Zwarte' are ready for picking in July. They are round and shiny black-red. The flesh is soft, juicy and also dark red. The cherries taste very pleasantly sweet and are only suitable for direct consumption. Because the flesh is very soft, they are more difficult to store. 'Varikse Zwarte' is a Dutch variety introduced around 1900. Hardiness zone 6.