



Prunus avium 'Van'



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 March-April
Fruits	edible fruits, 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

Prunus avium 'Van' is a sweet cherry with a semi-open crown of 6-8 m in height. The crown is initially formed by strongly ascending main branches, but later becomes broadly ovoid and slightly irregular in shape. The tree flowers in March-April with white blossom. 'Van' is self-pollinating, which means that a tree of another cherry variety should not be nearby for acceptable fruit bearing. Nevertheless, the tree will produce more fruit after cross-pollination by another cherry variety. Preferably, 'Hedelfinger Riesenkirsche' or 'Kordia' is used for this purpose. The cherries of 'Van' are ready for picking around the beginning of July. The large fruits are shiny dark red, have firm flesh and taste very pleasantly sweet. They are excellent for direct consumption.

'Van' originated in Canada in 1944. Hardiness zone 6