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Ilex aquifolium 'J.C. van Tol'



Height	6 m
Width	3-4m
Crown	broad oval, dark, dense crown
Bark and branches	young twigs purple, bark light green-brown, smooth
Leaf	oval, dark green, margin barely spiked, 5 - 7 cm, evergreen
Flowers	, white, inconspicuous, solitar in the leaf axils, May/June
Fruits	fleshy drupe, 8 - 10 mm, shiny red
Spines/thorns	None
Toxicity	has toxic components
Soil type	humic, moist but well-drained soil
Paving	tolerates no paving
Winter hardiness zone	6b (-20,5 to -17,8 °C)
Wind resistance	very good
Other resistances	resistant to frost (WH 1 - 6), can withstand wind
Fauna tree	resistant to frost (WH 1 - 6), can withstand wind, provides food for birds
Application	tree containers, roof gardens, coastal areas, small gardens, patio gardens
Shape	clearstem tree
Origin	Van Tol, Boskoop, Netherlands, 1904

Grows from a shrub into a small or medium-size tree with a broad oval crown. The crown branches very densely. This effect is reinforced by the tough, evergreen leaf. The leaves are dark olive green and slightly bulbous. They are smooth-edged or have a few small prickles on the top half of the lamina. The flowers are single in the leaf axils. They are female, small and inconspicuous. They are followed by numerous glossy red, fleshy drupes (commonly called berries) with a diameter of 8 - 10 mm. Prefers a humic, moist but well-drained soil and tolerates either acidic or calcareous soil. As well as its use as a solitary tree in parks and in gardens, 'J.C. van Tol' is an excellent hedge plant.