



# Prunus avium 'Bigarreau Napoléon'



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

'Bigarreau Napoléon' 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. The tree blooms in April with white blossom. The tree is not self-pollinating, so another cherry variety is needed to guarantee that 'Bigarreau Napoléon' bears fruit. Preferably, 'Early Rivers' or 'Wine Cherry' is used for this, but 'Hedelfinger Riesenkirsche' or 'Schneider's Späte Knorpelkirsche' suffice. The cherries of 'Bigarreau Napoléon' are ready for picking from the end of July to around mid-August. They are orange-yellow with a red blush and spots. The longer the cherries hang in the tree, the more red they will turn. The flesh is yellow-white and tastes pleasantly sweet. In industry, cherries are mainly used for candying.

The exact origin of 'Bigarreau Napoléon' is not known, it is an old variety, which was already grown in Germany before 1785. Hardiness zone 6.