



## Dark Tart Cherry

### General Characteristics

The Dark Tart Cherry also known as the Balaton® cherry (*Prunus cerasus*) has many unique characteristics of interest to food manufacturers. (See notes below.) CMI can make available to interested food companies a list of processing companies that sell these cherries.

Character: Firm (like a sweet cherry)

Color: Deep burgundy throughout

Brix: 16.8 for IQF

Taste: Pleasantly tart, not sour

Fruit length: 18.8 mm

Fruit width: 22.0 mm

Fruit weight: 5.8 g

Soluble Solids: 15.9 %

pH: 3.47

Acidity: 1.46%

Harvest: Mid-July to early August.

Pack: IQF, 40 pound box; 5+1, 30 pound plastic pail