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Variety: Benton (Columbia)

Fruit characteristics (# of years of data)

Fruit type:	Dark Sweet
Skin color:	5 (Guyer scale)
Flesh color:	Black red
Percent cracking:	6.6 (13 yrs)
Firmness:	217.2 (12 yrs)
Size (g):	9.1 (12 yrs)
Soluble Solids:	21.3 (12 yrs)
Flavor:	Average (8 yrs)
Pit shape:	Spherical



Tree characteristics (# of years of data)

Yield:	Average (12 yrs)
Bloom data:	Mid-late (22 yrs)
Harvest timing:	Mid-late (13 yrs)
Tree vigor:	Strong (8 yrs)

Noted disease incidence:

Moderate bacterial canker in 1 out of 13 years. Moderate amounts of American brown rot in 2008--a severe brown rot infection year.

Noted cold damage: Low incidence 9 out of 10 years

Summary remarks: Fruit are dark mahogany red, firm, with large size, good flavor, and a mid-season ripening time. Consumer taste panels in Washington state picked 'Benton' over 'Bing' in 3 of 4 years, and performance has been rated consistently high in trials in New York as well as Europe. Resistance to cracking is fairly good. Self-fertile, with a mid- to late-bloom season.

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