# Black Pearl Tomato

***Solanum lycopersicum 'Black Pearl'***



*Black Pearl Tomato fruit*
*Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder*

Height: 5 feet

Spread: 18 inches

Spacing: 3 feet

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: (annual)

Group/Class: Cherry/Grape-Indeterminate

**Description:**

A stunning selection that produces 2 flavors in one plant; deep purple colored fruit are rich and sweet right off the vine, once chilled the flavor becomes extra sweet and tastes like Concorde grapes; high yields until fall; staking is recommended

**Edible Qualities**

Black Pearl Tomato is an annual vegetable plant that is typically grown for its edible qualities. It produces small clusters of brick red round tomatoes (which are technically 'berries') with deep purple overtones which are usually ready for picking from early summer to early fall. This is an indeterminate variety, which means it produces fruit throughout the growing season. The tomatoes have a sweet taste and a firm texture.

The tomatoes are most often used in the following ways:

- Fresh Eating
- Eating When Cooked/Prepared
- Cooking
- Baking
- Pickling

**Planting & Growing**

Black Pearl Tomato will grow to be about 5 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 18 inches. When planted in rows, individual plants should be spaced approximately 3 feet apart. Because of its vigorous growth habit, it may require staking or supplemental support. This fast-growing vegetable plant is an annual, which means that it will grow for one season in your garden and then die after producing a crop.

This plant can be difficult to integrate into a landscape or flower garden, and is best grown in a designated vegetable garden. It should only be grown in full sunlight. It does best in average to evenly moist conditions, but will not tolerate standing water. It may require supplemental watering during periods of drought or extended heat. It is not particular as to soil pH, but grows best in rich soils. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. Consider applying a thick mulch around the root zone over the growing season to conserve soil moisture. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America.

Black Pearl Tomato is a good choice for the vegetable garden, but it is also well-suited for use in outdoor pots and containers. With its upright habit of growth, it is best suited for use as a 'thriller' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination; plant it near the center of the pot, surrounded by smaller plants and those that spill over the edges. It is even sizeable enough that it can be grown alone in a suitable container. Note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.