



## Minibel Tomato

*Solanum lycopersicum 'Minibel'*

Height: 14 inches

Spread: 8 inches

Spacing: 8 inches

Sunlight: ☉

Hardiness Zone: (annual)

Group/Class: Cherry/Grape-Determinate

### Description:

A beautiful, compact variety ideal for patio containers, hanging baskets or window boxes; this heavy yielding selection produces delicious and sweet bite sized, red cherry tomatoes; a perfect addition to lunchboxes, salads, or eaten right off the vine

### Edible Qualities

Minibel Tomato is an annual vegetable plant that is typically grown for its edible qualities. It produces small clusters of red round tomatoes (which are technically 'berries') with red flesh which are usually ready for picking from mid summer to early fall. This is a determinate variety, which means it bears a full crop all at once. The tomatoes have a sweet taste and a juicy texture.

The tomatoes are most often used in the following ways:

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

### Planting & Growing

Minibel Tomato will grow to be about 14 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 8 inches. When planted in rows, individual plants should be spaced approximately 8 inches apart. 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.



*Minibel Tomato fruit*  
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

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. This plant is a heavy feeder that requires frequent fertilizing throughout the growing season to perform at its best. It is not particular as to soil pH, but grows best in rich soils. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America.

Minibel Tomato is a good choice for the vegetable garden, but it is also well-suited for use in outdoor containers and hanging baskets. It is often used as a 'filler' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination, providing the canvas against which the larger thriller plants stand out. Note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.