



# Cherry Laurel

*Prunus laurocerasus 'Rotundifolia'*

A versatile, fast-growing, hardy evergreen, boasting excellent year-round screening, tolerant of very dry sites and pollution.



## Description

The Cherry Laurel or Common Laurel remains a highly popular go-to hedge and not without reason. Its incredible density, robust nature and lush foliage makes for a highly functional barrier hedge or decorative screen.

## Appearance

Glossy, bright green, 10–15cm ovate leaves with a slightly serrated edge are joined in spring by an abundance of sweetly fragrant, nectar-rich, white flowers on long, erect racemes. These are followed by small red fruits, later turning black in the autumn.

## Placement

Cherry Laurel will thrive in all but waterlogged or chalky soils. Hardy to -15°C, it's suitable for exposed sites in full sun or the deepest shade.

## Uses

Equally attractive whether trimmed into a formal box-shape or left more natural, it provides a wonderful aesthetic feature to any planting scheme. Quite often seen planted by roadsides, its impenetrable nature offers the perfect protection against environmental pollution in addition to making a fabulous privacy screen.



*The Cherry Laurel is highly attractive to bees, butterflies and birds with its rich source of nectar, pollen and berries.*

**For larger scale projects talk to our team about our contract growing service.**



*300m of hedging for the redevelopment and re-launch of The Guinness Arms (Icklingham, Suffolk.)*

## Case Study

*"We worked closely with Elveden on a recent redevelopment. The team at Elveden gave us invaluable advice and assistance, and suggested early on that we look at them for contract growing our requirement – which gave us our exact specification of hedge exactly when we required it on site – and this did not cost us any extra. The whole process was seamless – we just wish all the suppliers had been as accommodating and helpful!"*

**Project Manager, Guinness Arms**



### SOIL

Well-drained  
Clay, Sand,  
Loam



### SUNLIGHT

Full sun  
Partial shade  
Shade



### GROWTH

Fast  
30–60cm/yr  
approximately



### PRUNING

March or  
September



### USES

Formal hedging  
Privacy screening  
Pollution barrier



### SUITABILITY

Not suitable  
for livestock  
or horses  
Deer resistant

AVAILABLE HEIGHT 1.2M | 1.5M | 1.8M