



Blossoms and new leaves on a dying cherry tree in September in Michigan hearken back to the King Arthurian legend of Sir Cleges' Christmas cherries, miraculous fruit bringing forth amazing transformations for Sir Cleges. The tale with a cherry tree in Sir Cleges' garden with green leaves and ripe cherries at Christmas time is thought to derive from a poem originally handed down in the bardic oral tradition. Variants of the tale appear in fifteenth-century manuscripts, and in recent years one of these manuscripts inspired a children's book The Christmas Knight by Jane Louise Curry, illustrated by DyAnne DiSalvo-Ryan. Miraculous flowering or trees bearing ripe fruit out of season are thematic elements in legends, in literature on saints, in children's books. Miraculous flowering is also now occurring around us.

*Miracles are possible. Miracles surround us in every direction..... know this, feel this,
the message of this September Cherry Blossom.*



September Cherry

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transitional essence...for letting go of the old form

This essence was made from blossoms blooming on a dying cherry tree in September. This is a sacred tree. Under this tree are planted the placentas of my first two sons, as it was planted as a birth tree for them. It has given us many years of abundant cherries..... cherry pies, cherry cobblers..... tart in your mouth. But now, as my sons near 20 and 22 years, the tree is dying. I have watched its life forces transforming, leaving, saying goodbye all Summer. Abundant with cherries, its branches hold the children, laughing as they fill one more basket.

Cherry trees only live an average of 15 to 20 years, a fact I didn't know when I chose this tree as a birth tree as a young mother. The tree dropped its leaves early this Fall ~ a month ago ~ though August was very rainy. We have had no frosts, no early cold days at all. Yet on a mostly dead-looking tree on this warm sunny September morning there are abundant new green leaves and cherry blossoms.



This is an essence for letting go of all preconceived ideas
about how things should be
or should happen.

As the tree lets go of its life,
it blooms again.
It is for the old and the tired
that they may know that miracles are still possible.
The tree speaks to us of miracles.

This essence asks us to let go of the old form
and to strongly project our true gifts out into the world
regardless of the norm.
We live in a world of nay-sayers
always ready to attack the faith and inspiration of others.
Although these attacks
can sometimes work to make us stronger and more focused,
if we haven't proper rooting and protection our hearts may falter
and we may not be able to hold our ground.....
and the world may never receive the fruits of our dreams,
and we may never have the chance to flower in our true radiance.

September Cherry offers us new hope.
Use it with the elderly who still have light in their eyes,
that they may blossom again in their last seasons.



It is for the young and the newborns
that they may bear much fruit and root deep in the Mother.

It is for times of transition.....
for moving on.....
leaving the old.....
moving out and starting new.

It allows us
to put out our new growth
while still retaining our connection to our greater family.



The tree continued to blossom for a month and a half and was still covered in blossoms at the end of October when these pictures were taken.

