

= Cherry Pop =

" Cherry Pop " is a song recorded by Romanian recording artist Alexandra Stan for her sophomore studio album , Unlocked (2014) . It was made available for digital download on 28 May 2015 through Roton as the second single from Unlocked . " Cherry Pop " was written by Stan herself , Lukas Hällgren and Erik Lidbom , while production was handled by both Hällgren and Lidbom . The track was recorded in Bucharest , Romania at the Fonogram Studios and was additionally engineered at Lidbom 's Hotfire Production .

" Cherry Pop " was described as a J @-@ Pop song during one of Stan 's interviews prior to the track 's release . An accompanying music video for " Cherry Pop " premiered on 28 May 2015 on Stan 's YouTube channel ; Khaled Mokhtar was both the clip 's director and director of photography . It was shot in Buftea , Romania and portrays Stan and her background dancers performing choreography created by performer Emil Rengle . The song reached number 64 on the Japan Hot 100 and became the most sought ringtone on the largest Japanese profile site , Recochoku .

= = Background and composition = =

" Cherry Pop " was written by Stan herself , Lukas Hällgren and Erik Lidbom , while production was handled by both Hällgren and Lidbom . It was recorded at the Fonogram Studios in Bucharest , Romania and was additionally mixed and engineered at Lidbom 's Hitfire Production in Uppsala , Sweden . Further 's work on the track was done during FonoCamp2013 , the first Romanian international songwriting camp held in Azuga . Fellow Romanian and international singers were also present at the two @-@ weeks event , such as Delia Matache , Mohombi , Smiley and Deepcentral . The track was described as a J @-@ pop song during one of Stan 's interviews prior to the release of " Cherry Pop " ; she also noticed influences to Eurodance . An administrator of IasiFun commended the recording as being influenced by house , while also describing the song 's instrumentation as " electric " and " vibrant " . Anthony Easton , a writer for The Singles Jukebox , described the song as a " popluxe " , while Ian Mew compared it to " Bubble Pop ! " by South Korean singer Hyuna . According to Popdust , " Cherry Pop " uses dubstep for its breakdown . The main idea for the song was based on Stan 's first kiss which , according to her , " tasted like candy " .

= = Critical reception = =

" Cherry Pop " received generally mixed reviews from music critics upon release . The Singles Jukebox gave the song an overall rating of 5 / 10 . A writer of The Singles Jukebox , Andy Hutchins , confessed that " a better title for the song might have been ' Dr. Pepper ' " . Website Popdust described the song as " outdated " , but at the same time catchy and funny . Hitfire praised the song 's refrain as being " earwormy " and " trashy " . They went on saying that " Cherry Pop " " doesn 't reach the standards like of her previously launched songs , ' Mr. Saxobeat ' , ' Get Back (ASAP) ' and ' Lemonade ' " . Music website Pop Shock described the single as a " grower track " , while Robin Catling of Everything Express criticized " Cherry Pop " for being " irritating " . He went on saying that " the verse let down by an horrific chorus and a truly nasty backing track " . Website Adictivoz praised overall her album Unlocked , mentioning also that the song is " ironic " .

= = Commercial performance = =

According to the biggest Japanese profile site , Recochoku , " Cherry Pop " became the most sought ringtone on their website within two hours . The news that " Cherry Pop " achieved so much success in Japan came to Stan when she was on tour in Turkey . There , the organizers of her show displayed the sentence " Congratulations , Alexandra Stan , you 're number 1 ! " on the main screen of the club . The song entered the Japan Hot 100 at number 64 on 5 July 2014 . It subsequently leaved the chart after just one week . " Cherry Pop " debuted at number 82 on the Romanian Radio

Airplay Chart ; it lasted for six weeks on that chart , with it reaching its peak position at number 44 . The track peaked at number two on the Turkish Number One Top 20 compiled on 6 September 2014 .

= = Music video = =

An accompanying music video for " Cherry Pop " was uploaded onto Stan 's YouTube channel on 28 May 2014 , where it has since amassed a total of 5 million views . The clip was shot by Khaled Mokhtar in Buftea , Romania in a set built specially for this project . The accompanying choreography was choreographed by Romanian performer Emil Rengle and the eight " shiny and glam " different outfits used for the video were designed by Andra Moga . Particularly , Stan described the video as incorporating " both a futuristic and a retro point of view " .

The video opens with Stan and some of her male back @-@ up dancers being presented in a dark white room . Subsequently , the room becomes enlightened and Stan is seen wearing transparent sunglasses , a white sweatband and a silver jacket . Following this , she retrieves a tennis racket from one of her background dancers and holds it in front of her face before returning the racket to a nearby dancer . Next , Stan performs the pre @-@ refrain of the song , while two female performers clutch a hair dryer in their hands . For the refrain , she and ten other female background dancers are performing synchronized dances , with them having wigs on , and dressing white clothing and red accessories . Following this , Stan is presented standing on a yellow plate which is kept in the air by two threads . She wears a silver leotard and a multicolored wig . Next , Stan is shown walking into a tennis field , whereon she plays a tennis match against herself . For the breakdown of " Cherry Pop " , the video gets introduced into a dark @-@ lighted room . There , her previously shown male background dancers are presented ; the video continues with Stan dancing accompanied by her dancers . The clip finally ends with a pink tennis ball dropping out of the ceiling , while the screen becomes black .

= = Live performances = =

On 12 December 2014 , Stan performed both " Cherry Pop " and " Vanilla Chocolat " on an episode of Vocea României . Shortly after her performance , juror Tudor Chirilă expressed how he was very disappointed by Stan 's act , as she didn 't provide live vocals . In an interview with Cancan , Stan confessed that " [her] conditions of appearance at Vocea României were previously discussed with the producers of the show , so no one should have been surprised about [her] performing playback " . " Cherry Pop " was included on the tracklist of her Unlocked Tour (2014) and her Cherry Pop Summer Tour (2014) .

= = Track listings = =