The Dark Lady Rose

Rosa 'The Dark Lady'



The Dark Lady Rose flowers
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Height: 3 feet

Spread: 4 feet

Sunlight: ○

Hardiness Zone: 5a

Group/Class: Austin Rose

Description:

One of the darkest crimson-red roses you'll find, featuring loose and frilly flowers with a light fragrance produced in abundance over a long period on a spreading shrub; all roses need full sun and well-drained soil

Ornamental Features

The Dark Lady Rose is blanketed in stunning lightly-scented fully double dark red flowers at the ends of the branches from late spring to late summer. The flowers are excellent for cutting. It has dark green deciduous foliage. The oval compound leaves turn yellow in fall.

Landscape Attributes

The Dark Lady Rose is a multi-stemmed deciduous shrub with an upright spreading habit of growth. Its average texture blends into the landscape, but can be balanced by one or two finer or coarser trees or shrubs for an effective composition.

This shrub will require occasional maintenance and upkeep, and is best pruned in late winter once the threat of extreme cold has passed. Gardeners should be aware of the following characteristic(s) that may warrant special consideration;

- Spiny

The Dark Lady Rose is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- Hedges/Screening
- General Garden Use

Planting & Growing

The Dark Lady Rose will grow to be about 3 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 4 feet. It tends to fill out right to the ground and therefore doesn't necessarily require facer plants in front. It grows at a fast rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 20 years.

This shrub should only be grown in full sunlight. It does best in average to evenly moist conditions, but will not tolerate standing water. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is highly tolerant of urban pollution and will even thrive in inner city environments. This particular variety is an interspecific hybrid.