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VARIETIES
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FRENCH CABARET™ RED HIBISCUS

Hibiscus syriacus 'Mindour 1' PPAF

This is the second double *Hibiscus* from Minier Nursery. Like its cousin, French Cabaret™ Blush, it is upright in habit and a vigorous grower. For eight weeks in summer, French Cabaret™ Red has clusters of three to five richly saturated red double flowers that resemble carnations. Deep red flower buds open to 2" diameter pompom flowers with sterile seed.

Zone: 5-8

HxW: 5-8' | 4-7'

Shape: Upright

Exp: Full Sun

Why we love it:

- Large, double, red flowers
- Sterile flowers
- Upright plant habit
- Vigorous growth



BERRY WHITE™ HYDRANGEA

Hydrangea paniculata 'Renba' PPAF

This long-awaited introduction is a step forward in paniculata breeding. With strong, upright stems and large cone-shaped flower panicles that stay upright, this plant is a summer stunner. Like the other paniculatas from Mr. Renault at Pépinières Renault, the flower color starts out white in July then progresses to dark pink. Coloring occurs from the bottom and progresses to the top of the panicle. Berry White™ blooms a little later than Strawberry Sundae® and about the same time as Vanilla Strawberry™. Color shades can vary according to location, climate and type of soil. Our growers like this plant, and we think you will, too.

Zone: 3-8

HxW: 6-7' | 4-5'

Shape: Upright

Exp: Full Sun to Part Shade

Why we love it:

- Upright, well-branched growth habit
- Strong, erect branches
- Long bloom period from July to October
- Flowers emerge white, changing to pink and maturing to deep pink to red
- Large, full panicles



LUNAR MAGIC™ CRAPEMYRTLE

Lagerstroemia 'PIILAG-X' PPAF

This beautiful crape combines rich purple-black foliage, loads of solid white flower clusters on red stems and a beautiful upright oval shape. Compared to Moonlight Magic™, Lunar Magic™ is much more generous in flower production and more intermediate in stature. This prolific bloomer starts flowering in June and can be cycle pruned to bring plants into flower every 35-45 days for sales from early summer through fall. The 2017 growing season was a real test for Cercospora and powdery mildew with many varieties succumbing to the unusually high disease pressure, but Lunar Magic™ came through unscathed. Lunar Magic™ had a very small amount of tip dieback in winter 2016 and no tip dieback in winter 2017. Deer resistant.

Zone: 7-9

HxW: 6-10' | 4-8'

Shape: Upright, Oval

Exp: Full Sun

Why we love it:

- Prolific solid white flowers
- Glossy dark purple foliage
- Compact, tight and upright oval in shape
- Good cold hardiness



FIRESIDE™ PHYSOCARPUS
Physocarpus opulifolius 'UMNHarpell' PPAF

We selected this new ninebark from the Landscape Plant Development Center (LPDC), now managed by the University of Minnesota, because of the stunning foliage. Reddish new growth matures to deep red-purple foliage that holds its color reliably all summer whereas others take on brownish tones later in the season. We trialed it in Georgia, and the summer color did not brown out. That's a testament to its reliable color!

Add to that, Fireside™ didn't show any signs of powdery mildew in field and production trials in multiple sites 2015-2017. The leaf size is intermediate; bigger than Little Devil™ but smaller than Diabolo®. Pinkish-white flowers bloom in spring and foliage turns deep purple in fall. The plant habit is tidier than other *Physocarpus* with a rounded, upright shape.

Zone: 3-7 HxW: 5-7' | 4-6' Shape: Upright, Rounded Exp: Full Sun

Why we love it:

- Foliage color holds through summer
- Mildew resistant



LOTTY'S LOVE™ ROSE

Rosa rugosa 'BOC rogosnif' PP22,570

This ever-blooming, heavy blooming, rugosa rose bred by Chuck Bock won a gold medal from the American Rose Society in 2009 with one of the highest ratings ever. Lotty's Love™, named after Chuck's wife Charlotte, has clusters of semi-double cup-shaped blooms of beetroot purple suffused with magenta. The 3-4" diameter flowers have gold stamens and emit a strong cinnamon fragrance. Lotty's Love™ has the cold hardiness and salt tolerance that makes this species such a landscape favorite. Red hips, ½-inch in diameter, form in the fall. The dark green glossy foliage is resistant to major fungal diseases. The habit is more refined than the species.

Zone: 3-10

HxW: 3-3.5' | 3.5-4'

Shape: Upright oval

Exp: Full Sun

Why we love it:

- Long blooming
- Tough and adaptable
- Fragrant



FLIP SIDE™ VITEX

Vitex x 'PIIVAC-III' PPAF

Developed at PII, this beauty is a seedling selection from *Vitex trifolia* 'Purpurea' x *V. agnus-castus* that combines the best of both parents. Flip Side™ is cloaked in 8-inch panicles of fragrant, deep purple flowers that attract a non-stop parade of pollinators. It's also a strong rebloomer. Flip Side™ got its name because the greyish olive-green leaves are dusky purple on the lower surface. While *V. trifolia* 'Purpurea' is only hardy to Zone 9, Flip Side™ has been hardy in Athens, Georgia for a number of years, surviving a Zone 7 winter. Flip Side™ is much more compact than either parent. This is a very cool plant for warmer regions. Deer resistant.

Zone: 7-9

HxW: 6-8' | 8-10'

Shape: Upright, Arching

Exp: Full Sun

Why we love it:

- Purple leaf undersides like *V. trifolia* 'Purpurea'
- Prolific bloomer and strong rebloomer





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