

Fact Sheet

Roses: David Austin, Alister Clark, Olde World, Standards & Weepers

Roses come in all shapes and sizes, forms from miniature varieties that will lend themselves to pot culture, to bushes taller than your average person to climbers to cover a wall or even more. They can be used in a formal garden where the classic standards often grow alongside an English box hedge or they can symbolise a cottage garden growing rampant through trees providing a never to be forgotten sight. In essence roses can be used to create whatever statement you wish to make in your garden.

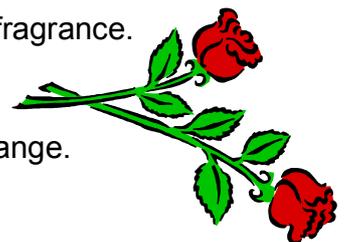
Below are some more popular varieties:

David Austin Roses

David Austin has become the worlds most recognizable rose breeder. Recently retiring to hand the reins over to his son he is still actively involved in breeding. His credo is to combine the romantic roses of the past with the free flowering, repeat flowering modern roses, he has done this admirably.

Most of them tend to be bush roses with wonderful fragrance and delicate tonings. This area is one of the quickest growing facets of our industry and more and more are released annually. His first bred rose 'Constance Spry' is still hugely popular. The popular varieties include:

1. *Graham Thomas* - Rich yellow cupped flowers. Olde rose fragrance.
2. *Evelyn* - Mixture of apricot and yellow rosettes. Rich scent.
3. *The Prince* - Deep rich crimson turning to rich royal purple. Delicious scent.
4. *Sharifa Asma* - Delicate blush pink blooms. Strong scent. Our favourite!
5. *William Morris* - Double rosette blooms of apricot pink. Strongly fragrant.
6. *Gertrude Jekyll* - Rich pink rosette shaped flowers. Delicious fragrance.
7. *Glamis Castle* - Pure white flowers, myrrh fragrance.
8. *Pat Austin* - Semi double cupped blooms of a bright copper orange.



Alister Clark Roses

One of Australia's foremost rose breeders, during the first half of the century. He developed roses that would flower for long periods and would thrive in our hot dry climate without too much fuss. His roses will tolerate all conditions.



The most popular of these are:

1. *Lorraine Lee* - Free flowering, semi double pink blooms.
2. *Black Boy* - Climber with large fragrant dark red blooms.
3. *Cicely Lascelles* - Pillar rose with masses of large semi double fragrant salmon pink blooms.

Olde World Roses

Probably the most popular area for true rose lovers. Some Olde world roses are bush, some are climbers, but all of them have a delightful flowering, and an aura of an age that has passed us by.

"Must haves" in a garden include:

1. *Buff Beauty* - Arching canes of double apricot flowers, fragrant.
2. *Cecile Brunner* - Free flowering salmon pink buttonhole rose.
3. *Mme Hardy* - Fragrant, pure white blooms.
4. *Zephirine Drouhin* - Thornless climber, extremely fragrant pink blooms.
5. *Wedding Day* - Vigorous climber, huge clusters of very fragrant single white blooms.
6. *Perle D'Or* - Fragrant apricot buttonhole flowers.
7. *Albertine* - Climber. Large double salmon pink flowers.



Standards

Tall budded roses on 90cm stems, though taller and shorter types are available, this is the most popular height. In time they will form a rounded head (lollipop like) and are very popular in formal settings or along pathways as accent plants.

All standards are also available in bush form so the more popular varieties tend to be the more popular bush varieties, hence Iceberg is without doubt the main variety sold and often used as a formal 'hedge'. Standard roses are very effective as potted specimens.

Weepers

Tall weepers (2 metres) provide a wonderful specimen plant in any garden. These need to be staked well and a rose hoop should also be used to keep the pressure off the 'budded' area. Older varieties such as 'Dorothy Perkins' and 'Sea Foam' have tended to be supplanted by varieties less susceptible to mildew. Weepers are a major investment so care must be taken to provide a spot in which they will flourish.

These are only a small cross section of roses available and varieties to be considered. True collectors will always search for that hard to come by rose and to that end we have an ever changing list in our catalogue of rare and unusual species. These are always popular and much sought after.

Plant a rose in your garden and chances are you'll soon be back for more.

