

2023 Rose Review

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It is hard to believe another rose year has come and gone. Before we begin another year in the garden, we like to look back at last year and review how some of the roses that are fairly new to our garden performed. For this article, I will limit my review to standard roses that have been growing in our garden for three years or less. However, please note that not all of these roses are new to the market.

Alfred Sisley - is a shrub named after impressionist painter Alfred Sisley. Bred by Delbard and introduced in the United States by Certified Roses, the eye catching blooms have orange-pink stripes with a yellow reverse. We have had this variety for 3 years and just can't make up our minds about it. Our bush lacks vigor, but we do occasionally see some very eye-catching blooms.

Angel Kisses - is a white blend floribunda from Dave Bang. We have one plant on it's own roots and another plant on multiflora rootstock. Neither plant is overly vigorous, but the blooms are a gorgeous creamy white with coral-pink edges. They have excellent form and good size for a floribunda.

Babies Blush - is a light pink hybrid tea from John Smith. This is our second try with this variety. Our 2nd year bush on fortuniana rootstock is growing somewhat better than our first bush, but still not as vigorous and we would like. The bush does have nice light pink blooms with good size and form. Hope it continues to improve!

Bordeaux - is a medium red floribunda from Tim Kordes. We have had this plant in our "no-spray" test program for 3 seasons and it continues to be a good disease resistant variety. The bush produces an abundance of rich red blooms with lots of petals. Also makes a good container variety.

Call Me Beautiful - is a pink blend hybrid tea from Fred Wright. Our 2nd year bush on fortuniana rootstock improved some over the 1st year, however it is still not as vigorous as we would like. The blooms have tended to be a little small, but the coloration is gorgeous. Hopefully it will continue to improve this coming season.

Camille Pissaro - is a floribunda bred by Delbard from France. It was introduced in the United States by Certified Roses. All of the blooms are a different combination of yellow, red, pink and white. We really like this variety and have decided to add more to our collection.

Chantilly Cream - is a light yellow hybrid tea bred by Christian Bedard. Our 1st year plant was somewhat slow to grow. The medium height bush produced nice sized light yellow to cream colored blooms with frilly edges.

Clair Elyse - is classified as an orange-red hybrid tea from John Smith. The beautiful bloom coloration in our garden is more of a rich red with just a hint of cream. The blooms typically have good form and good size. We like this variety!

Clovie - is an orange-pink hybrid tea bred by Steve Roussell. Our 1st year maiden on multiflora rootstock really took off. The vigorous bush produces lots of really nice exhibition form blooms with good size. Appears to be a great new addition to our garden.

Coral Miracle - is a medium pink shrub introduced by Certified Roses. We have had it in our "no-spray" test program for 2 years, and it continues to show good disease resistance. The compact plant is a good bloomer of nice medium size blooms. The blooms have a rich coral color that is eye-catching.

Dancing in the Dark - is a dark red shrub bred by Georges Delbard and introduced in the United States by Heirloom Roses. It is one of the deepest dark red roses on the market. We put our 1st

year bush in our “no-spray” test area and it performed pretty well. We did see some blackspot, but not enough to defoliate the plant. The blooms are large and attractive.

Dina Gee - is a red blend hybrid tea from John Smith. This is our 2nd attempt at growing this variety and so far we are seeing better results than our original attempt. The attractive bicolored blooms have good form and decent size.

Fiesta Veranda - is a yellow blend floribunda bred by Thomas Proll of Germany. The colorful yellow blooms are blushed with a rich orange edge. New to our garden, this variety has really impressed us with its abundance of blooms that really stand out in the garden. The plant was somewhat puny when we bought it, but once planted, it really took off. We are considering trying it in our “no spray” test area to see how it holds up to blackspot. This rose is a keeper for us!

Folk Magic - is a yellow blend hybrid tea discovered by William Blok. The good sized light yellow blooms fade to white with pink edges. Our 2nd year plant continues to grow well, but the bush is a little slow to bloom. We will keep it for now.

Forever Yours - is a red hybrid tea bred by Christian Evers of Germany. The plant grows and blooms well. The medium red blooms have good size and will occasionally have exhibition form.

Fun in the Sun - is an apricot blend grandiflora bred by Christian Bedard from Weeks Roses. Our bush is a little short for a grandiflora, but it does bloom well. The fragrant blooms are a light yellow with an apricot center. With over 60 petals, the blooms have old garden rose form.

I Do - is classified as a pink blend hybrid tea from Fred Wright. The blooms are actually light pink with a touch of mauve and have a good form. They also have good fragrance. Our 2nd year bush grew well, but it is a little bit of a stingy bloomer.

It's Gorgeous - is a deep yellow floribunda from Dave Bang. The exhibition form blooms are an absolutely gorgeous rich deep yellow. The plant is somewhat of a stingy bloomer, especially for a floribunda, but the blooms are absolutely stunning. We like it!

Jimmy Jean - is a deep pink hybrid tea from John Smith. We moved our bush from a pot to the garden. The bush grows and blooms well. The blooms have nice rich color and decent form.

Julia's Kiss - is a creamy pink hybrid tea bred by Lionel Poole. The peachy pink blooms have good size and form. Our 2nd year plant on multiflora rootstock is not as vigorous as we would like, but still going to give it another season to improve.

Julie Andrews - is a pink blend hybrid tea bred by Georges Delbard and introduced in the United States by Certified Roses. The medium pink blooms have an undertone of yellow and have a nice fragrance. Our 1st year plant grew and bloomed well. The blooms have nice size but do tend to open a little fast. However, we do like what we see so far.

Jump For Joy - is a pink blend floribunda hybridized by Christian Bedard of Weeks Roses. We put one on multiflora rootstock and it is doing better. The blooms are a colorful pink and yellow blend.

Lauren Leigh - is a pink blend sport of Elizabeth Taylor. The striped bloom coloration is very unusual and certainly eye-catching. The blooms generally have good form and decent size. Our 2nd year plant is growing better with age.

Liz's Charm - is a mauve hybrid tea bred by Steve Roussell. This rose was new to our garden this year. The vigorous bush grew and bloomed well. The large blooms have nice exhibition form. Appears to be another good addition to our garden!

Love at First Sight - is a red blend hybrid tea bred by Christian Bedard. The vigorous bush produces lots of red with a lighter reverse blooms. While the blooms do have good size, they generally lack exhibition form.

Orange Crush - is an orange blend hybrid tea from the florist industry. The rich orange blooms

really stand out, especially in the cooler times of the year, however they do tend to be a little smallish with flat form. Our 3rd year plant on multiflora rootstock is medium height. This variety does not like our hot summer weather.

Painted Porcelain - is a pink blend hybrid tea bred by Christian Bedard. The name really fits this medium height bush. The nice sized white blooms have distinctive pink streaks giving the appearance of porcelain. The blooms can occasionally have good form.

Perfume Factory - is a mauve hybrid tea from Tom Carruth. The mauvy-pink blooms have lots of petals and are very fragrant, however they do not have much form. Our 2nd year plant grew better, but is still not as vigorous as we like. We are going to try it on multiflora rootstock.

Phyllis Diller - is a deep yellow grandiflora bred by Tom Carruth. Our 1st year plant did not grow well and the blooms were rather small. Hopefully it will improve with age.

Pop Art - is an orange blend grandiflora by Christian Bedard. Our 1st year plant grew and bloomed well. The pink and yellow striped blooms have lots of petals and can have good size. The bloom form is cupped.

Quietness - is a light pink shrub from renowned hybridizer, Griffith Buck. This vigorous shrub produces an abundance of nice light pink blooms with lots of petals and a nice fragrance. The bush had shown good disease resistance so far.

Ringo - is a light yellow shrub with a peachy colored eye. Hybridized by Christopher Warner of the United Kingdom, the single blooms have between 4 and 8 petals. The blooms are a little small, but the plant produces lots of them. We have it in our "no-spray" test area and it continues to have good disease resistance. The unusual plant is rather compact, which makes it a good choice for a container.

Rose of Hope - is a yellow blend floribunda bred by Tim Kordes. The medium sized light yellow blooms are blushed with a hint of pink. The blooms have lots of petals and are very attractive. The plant is a compact grower and looks to be a good choice for a container, as it blooms a lot. We have this variety in our "no-spray" test area and it has demonstrated good disease resistance. As a nice bonus, a portion of the proceeds from the sale of this variety goes to help children with cancer.

Stiletto - is a deep pink hybrid tea by Alain Meilland. The rich dark blooms generally have good form and size. We moved it to a pot and it seems to be growing somewhat better and throwing some nice long stems.

Sweet Mademoiselle - is a pink blend hybrid tea bred by Alain Meilland and introduced in the United States by Star Roses. This is a vigorous bush that produces lots of pink blend blooms with old fashioned form. Has good disease resistance and a nice fragrance.

Vibrant Vonnie - is a white hybrid tea from Steve Roussel. Our 1st year bush grew vigorously and produced some really nice exhibition form blooms. The white blooms have a very rich red edge and really stand out in the garden. This variety also seems to do very well in our summer heat. Very nice rose!

White Lies - is a white blend floribunda that was introduced in the United States by Certified Roses. Our 2nd year bush really came on and produced lots of eye-catching creamy white blooms that are blushed with red. They mature to completely red before finishing as maroon. Appears to be another very nice floribunda.

Wildcard - is a deep yellow floribunda introduced in the United State by Texas Rose Ventures. We put our 1st year plant in our "no-spray" test area and it did have some issues with blackspot. However, it grew and bloomed very well. While this variety may not be that disease resistant, it is still a very nice floribunda.

