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The culture of roses in the low desert is much easier than in other more temperate climates and we have the added bonus of fewer insect and disease problems. Roses provide splendid color during the cooler months of March to June and October to February. The hot summer weather between these two blooming seasons limits the size and quality of flowers produced. Once established, roses provided with moderate care will live and bloom for many years in the low desert.

There are many different types of roses. Two broad groups are Modern Roses and Old Garden Roses, sometimes referred to as antique roses. Modern Roses are those that were developed after the introduction of the first hybrid tea rose in 1867. Old Garden Roses are those classes of roses that existed before this event. Generally, Old Garden Roses can be divided into roses of European origin, which are cold hardy and once blooming (one bloom period per year), and roses that originated in Asia, which are repeat bloomers. Rosarians who grow both types often find that Old Garden Roses require less maintenance than Modern Roses, especially during the hot summer months.

Modern Roses

Hybrid Tea

The hybrid tea is usually considered the most popular of all the rose classes. They are crosses between hybrid perpetuals, bourbons, and teas. They are usually grafted onto other rootstock. Dr. Huey is the preferred rootstock for the low desert area. The blooms are borne on strong stems with usually one rose per stem. The blooms range in shape from single to very double. Hybrid teas are continuous bloomers and many are resistant to powdery mildew. They make excellent cut flowers.

Floribunda and Polyantha

Floribundas and polyanthas have gained in popularity recently. The floribunda is a cross between the hybrid tea and the polyantha. The floribundas are known for their vigorous growth and profusion of medium to large blooms, which are borne in clusters. There are single blooms as well as double and very double. The canes are strong and shorter than the hybrid tea. These plants are very hardy and most of the varieties bloom continuously. The polyantha rose is a cross between *Rosa multiflora*, tea, and dwarf china roses.

They are small, low-growing bushes (1–4 feet) with small flowers usually borne in clusters. Some are quite fragrant. Many are hardy and resistant to powdery mildew. Polyanthas make excellent borders and small hedges and do well in containers.

Grandiflora

Grandifloras were developed in 1954 as a cross between hybrid teas and floribundas. They have the flower form and long stems of the hybrid tea, and the hardiness and continuous bloom cycle of the floribunda. The blooms are borne singly or in clusters. The plants are usually tall and bushy. Grandifloras are resistant to powdery mildew and some are fragrant.

Miniature

The popularity of miniature roses has increased in the past several years. They are descendants of the miniature China roses and hybrid teas, floribundas and grandifloras, with various characteristics of these larger roses. Some have hybrid tea form and others the floribunda. Some are shrubby and there are several climbing miniatures, as well. Sizes range from 10 inches to 3–4 feet. The flowers can be one to a stem or borne in clusters, with single or very double blooms. Very few miniatures have a fragrance. They are ideal for patios, townhouse gardens, and containers.

Shrub Rose and David Austin English Shrub

Shrub roses descended from many different groups of roses, including rugosa, moss, damask, and species. They vary in shape, color, and flower form. They are very hardy and resistant to powdery mildew. The flowers are usually borne in clusters and they can be single, double, or very double. Some of the modern ones are repeat bloomers. The shrub rose makes an excellent hedge.

The David Austin English shrubs are becoming the most popular of the modern roses. Many gardeners consider them to be the most beautiful, fragrant roses available. They were developed over the past forty years by the English breeder, David Austin. He wanted to create a rose that would be a repeat bloomer, disease resistant, with an Old Garden Rose form. Austin used the old shrub roses for their hardiness and fragrance and floribundas for the clusters of flowers, modern colors, and repeat-blooming qualities.

Climber and Rambler

Climbers and ramblers are vigorous growers. They have long canes and need sturdy support. There are large-flowered natural climbers and many are climbing sports of hybrid teas and floribundas.

Old Garden Roses (Once Blooming)

As a general rule, the majority of the rose varieties in the following classes are once blooming; however, a few varieties can be found that are exceptions to the rule and can be repeat bloomers.

Gallica

Plants are low (3–4 feet) and spreading, with small, soft thorns. The foliage is rough, dark green, and oval. Blooms tend to be pink or shades of red and there are lots of stripes and variegated blooms in this class of rose. They bloom once in the spring with small flowers borne on strong stems. Gallicas have been grown from ancient times. They are the roses of medieval monastery gardens.

Damask

These spreading roses are larger than gallicas, reaching five feet or more. Damasks are very thorny, with large, grayish leaves that show noticeable “down” on the surface. The blooms are mostly pink and white and are usually clustered. Some have a “button eye” in the center. They are extremely fragrant once bloomers and the source for Attar of Roses perfume oil. Damask roses have been hybridized from ancient times.

Alba

These plants feature an upright and dense growth pattern, reaching six feet or more. They have strong stems and few thorns. Alba blooms are mostly white or light to medium pink, clustered, and semi double. The foliage is bluish-gray, with a powdery appearance. They bloom once in the spring. Albas have been hybridized from the 1600s.

Centifolia

These bushes are five to six feet tall with some dwarf varieties. Thorns can be small or large. The foliage is large, light green, rounded, and some varieties have hair “tuffs” at the base. Blooms are large, very double, and tend to droop. The petals are large on the outside and smaller toward the center. Centifolias are once bloomers, usually light to dark pink and very fragrant. Centifolias have been hybridized from the early 1500s. Hybridization occurs when the pollen of one plant is placed on the flower of a different kind of plant to produce an offspring that is a distinctly different from either parent plant. This can occur naturally or by deliberate intervention.

Old Garden Roses (Repeat Blooming)

China

Although considered to be small plants elsewhere, chinas are an excellent choice for the low desert and attain average sizes of 4 feet by 4 feet. They form twiggy bushes; the foliage is medium green and pointed and new leaves may be tinted

red. The lightly fragrant blooms are small and cupped with thin petals. Chinas are in nearly constant bloom in the low desert, even through the heat of the summer. China roses have been hybridized from the early 1700s.

Tea

The canes on teas are weaker than the hybrid tea canes. Their medium-size blooms may have weak necks and tend to nod. The foliage is dark green and shiny. Teas have a slight fragrance and are repeat bloomers. They have been hybridized since the early 1800s.

Bourbon

These roses range from low-growing bushes to large climbers. New canes tend to be purplish and have some thorns. Leaves are large and dull green. Blooms also vary from medium to large, and can be double, cupped, and quartered. Bourbons are mostly white to dark pink with thin petals. Most bourbons are fragrant repeat bloomers and have been hybridized from the early 1800s.

Hybrid Perpetual

The bushes are usually tall, narrow, and vigorous with large, dark green leaves. Large blooms come in shades of pink and red. Many have the classic modern hybrid tea form. Most hybrid perpetuals are repeat bloomers. They have been hybridized since the early 1800s.

Noisette

These roses are related to the chinas and were first bred in South Carolina about 1802. They vary widely in size and can be small and compact or large and rambling. Foliage is light green and shiny. Blooms have thin delicate petals and come either in clusters or one bloom per stem. They are fragrant and are usually repeat bloomers.

Other Roses

Species

These are the original wild roses. Plants are large and bushy, growing up to 20 feet or more. They are once bloomers in small clusters. Flowers in shades of white and pink are mostly singles (five petals) and have a long blooming cycle. They usually have leaves with seven or more leaflets. They have been grown from ancient times.

There are several other fairly new groups of roses. There are patio or tree roses, landscaping roses, groundcover roses, and cascading roses. They come in all of the above types, including miniatures.

Rose Bloom Descriptions

Single:	5–12 petals
Semi Double:	13–24 petals
Double:	25–50 petals
Very Double:	50–200 petals
Quartered:	Petals are naturally arranged so that the center appears to be in four sections.
Cupped:	The bloom’s outer shape is like a cup in profile.

Button Eye:	The center of the rose is surrounded by stamens.
Once Blooming:	Has one major flowering period/year.
Repeat Blooming:	Has a flowering period in spring/early summer and another in the fall.

Public Rose Gardens

Visit public rose gardens to see how roses perform in your area.

Cochise County

City Hall, Benson - 100 roses

Maricopa County

Glendale Rose Society
4491 W. Northern Ave, Glendale

Saguaro Historical Ranch Park
9802 North Fifty-ninth Avenue - 1000 roses
(Mountain View & 59th Ave), Glendale

Mesa-East Valley Rose Society Rose Garden
Mesa Community College - 3000+ roses
1833 W. Southern
(Corner of Dobson and Southern), Mesa

Pioneer Park, Mesa - 200 roses

Phoenix Rose Society
Valley Garden Center - 700 roses
1809 North 15th Ave, Phoenix

Heritage Rose Garden
Maricopa County Cooperative Extension
4140 East Broadway Road, Phoenix

Scottsdale Rose Society
Goldwater Blvd & 5th Ave, Scottsdale - 800 roses

Pima County

Rose Society of Tucson
Gene C. Reid Rose Garden - 500 roses
900 South Randolph Way, Tucson

Pima County Master Gardeners
Pima County Cooperative Extension
4210 N. Campbell, Tucson

Green Valley East Rec. Center - 150 roses
7 South Abrego Dr., Green Valley

Yavapai County

Sharlot Hall Museum Garden, Prescott

Yuma County

Smucker Park
Gwen Sigwalt Memorial Rose Garden

Yuma Civic Center
Alma Schott Memorial Rose Garden

Yuma Library
Rose planting in front entry

Purchasing Roses

When you consider purchasing a rose, you'll find a variety, color, shape, or size to fit any space. (See the "Roses for the Low Desert" chart for help in choosing varieties.) Roses can be purchased through a catalog or from a nursery or discount store. Old Garden Roses are not as easily found at nurseries, so they are frequently purchased through mail-order companies that specialize in these roses.

Choose only #1 grade rose bushes, as they have the best chance of surviving our summer heat. Most Modern Roses are bought as bare-root plants, meaning they are not in containers with soil. The plant should have at least three to four plump, green healthy canes. Do not buy them if the canes are spindly or if they have started to leaf out. Examine the roots, which should be soft and pliable, not dried out. Don't buy the rose if it has been dipped in wax, as our hot sun will burn it.

Most Old Garden Roses and miniatures are propagated from cuttings and thus are living on their own roots, as opposed to being grafted onto a different variety of rootstock. For novice growers, it is sometimes easier to get started with container-grown plants. Also, if you won't have time to plant the roses immediately, it may be better to buy container roses so that bare roots aren't left exposed.

Planting Roses

Determine the mature size of the rose and the space where you want to plant it. Roses need plenty of sunshine and air circulation to help prevent powdery mildew, so don't crowd the bushes. See the chart below for help in determining how much overall room you will require.

Planting Bare-Root Modern Roses

Locate your rose garden in an area where it will receive at least six hours of sunlight a day. Roses can be grown in beds, borders, and pots, as hedges or fences, along a walkway, or just about anywhere as long as they have good soil and drainage.

An eastern exposure is best as they will receive morning sun and protection from the hot afternoon rays. Avoid locations close to light-colored walls with southern or western exposures, which will have a lot of reflected heat. Place roses where they do not compete with roots of trees or shrubs for nutrients.

Climbers do well on eastern walls. Modern Roses should be planted about 12–18 inches away from the wall to allow for air circulation. Old Garden Climbers are often larger and should be planted about 18–24 inches away from the wall. Spread the canes to produce large masses of flowers.

The best time to plant bare-root roses in the low desert is mid-December through February. Soak the entire rose bush in water for eight to 24 hours prior to planting. Dig the hole at least 18–30 inches deep and 18–30 inches wide, depending on the size of the rose. In the bottom of the hole, add 1 cup soil sulfur and 1 cup triple superphosphate and mix it in with the soil.

Create a soil mix to fill in the hole. You can simply mix half native soil and half forest mulch. Another recommended soil

Spacing Between Plants	
Rose Type	Distance (feet)
Hybrid teas	3 - 5
Old garden*	3 - 5
Floribundas	3
Minuatures	1 - 2
Grandifloras	3 - 5
Shrubs	2 - 4
Polyanthas	1 - 1.5
Climbers	6 - 10
Tree roses	3 - 5

*Old Garden Roses can often grow considerably larger in the low desert than most catalog descriptions indicate. Add two feet to the width and three feet to the height given in catalogs. For plant descriptions that do not include width dimensions, a general guideline is that the width of the plant will equal the height.

mixture is one-third each of native soil, compost or forest mulch, and sand, perlite, or pumice. The most important feature is good drainage and these “recipes” will promote that.

Add two or three shovels of the soil mix to the planting hole and make a cone shape of it. Spread the roots of the rose bush over the cone. The bud union should be about two inches above the soil level to prevent possible disease. The bud union is where the rose was grafted onto the rootstock. It is usually noticeable as a slight bump or raised area.

Cover the roots with the rest of the soil mixture, firming the soil around the bush. Mounding with moist mulch protects the canes from drying out while the root system is becoming established. Leave this on for 14–21 days. Water slowly and deeply to eliminate air pockets and prevent the rose from drying out. Water every day for the first week.

Immediately after planting, trim the canes back to 8–10 inches. Cut to an outward facing bud eye. (A bud eye is found at the base of each leaf, where the leaf joins the stem. When canes are bare, it can usually be seen as a slight swelling or bump.) An outward facing bud eye can face in any direction, except towards the center of the bush, which would interfere with air circulation and cause branches to cross or rub against each other. Seal the cuts with a wood glue to help prevent cane borer insects from entering.

Transplanting Container-Grown Modern Roses and Old Garden Roses

Container-grown roses can be planted any time of the year, but spring or fall is best. Soil preparation is the same as for bare-root roses. There is no need for a cone, but dig the hole as deep as the container and twice as wide. The plants should be carefully removed from the containers, disturbing the root ball as little as possible. If the roots are coiled, carefully straighten them out. Place the plant in the ground at the same level as it was in the pot and firm the soil around the root ball to eliminate any air pockets.

Old Garden Roses are sold in containers that range from three-inch tubes to one- or two-gallon pots. If desired, the smaller ones can be “potted up” into larger containers to establish more vigorous root systems before transplanting into the landscape. The one- and two-gallon Old Garden Roses are ready to be planted directly into the ground. Recall that they are usually not grafted onto other rootstock, so you don’t have to be concerned about planting the bud union above ground. Nor is it necessary to mound mulch around the base of the canes on Old Garden Roses.

Transplanting Existing Roses

Roses that are healthy and have grown well can be transplanted to another location, if necessary. However, if they are three years or older, consider buying new plants. Most varieties are inexpensive and available all year.

Before transplanting, cut the top back one-third to one-half. Save as much of the root system as possible when digging. Small bushes can be moved as bare-root plants. Larger specimens should be transplanted by taking a ball of soil with the roots. Plant in the same manner as described for new roses. The best time for transplanting is December through March.

Growing Roses in Containers

Almost any rose can be grown in a container. They require more frequent watering and fertilizing, as well as protection during hot summer afternoons. Container-grown roses need to be repotted at least every three years or sooner if they become root bound. Just move them to a larger pot. Miniature roses can easily be divided when they outgrow their pots.

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Name of Rose ¹	Color ²	ARS Rating ³	Classification ⁴	Fragrance	Flower description	Foliage color and growth habits
Ain't She Sweet 1994 AARS	or	7.0	H	spice & rose	fully double blooms, 30-35 petals	deep green, 4'-5'
America 1976 AARS	op	8.2	C	strong spicy	4-5" double blooms, 40-45 petals	dark green leathery, 10"-12'
Angel Face 1968 AARS	m	8.1	F	old fashion rose	4" double blooms, 20-22 petals	dark leathery, compact bush 2'-4'
Arizona 1975 AARS	ob	5.8	G	strong tea	4 1/2" double blooms, 30-35 petals	bronze green, semi-glossy, 4'-6'
Arizona Sunset 1988 AARS	yb	8.0	M	none	hybrid tea type blooms, 14-16 petals	medium green, 2'-3'
Artistry 1997 AARS	op	7.6	H	slight rose	large full blooms, 30-35 petals	medium green, 4'-5'
Ballerina 1937	mp	9.0	O	slight apple	small flowers in clusters, 5-12 petals	medium green, 6' - 10'
Baronne Prevost 1842	mp	8.5	O	rich rose	big flowers with a button eye, 100 petals	medium green, bushy, 5' - 7'
Beauty Secret	mr	8.4	M	none	hybrid tea type blooms, 20-25 petals	dark green, 1' - 2'
Belinda 1936	mp	8.6	O	slight apple	large clusters of hot pink flowers with a white eye	dark green shrub, 5' - 7'
Belle Story	lp	8.5	S	strong anise	semi-double, cupped shape, scarlet-pink stamens	soft, medium green shrub, 8' - 10'
Betty Boop 1999 AARS	yb	*	F	mild tea	single flowers, 6-12 petals, yellow edged in orange	medium green shrub, 24" - 36"
Black Jade	dr	8.3	M	none	velvety, hybrid tea type blooms	dark green, glossy, 18" - 24"
Blue Girl	m	5.8	H	light fruity	large double blooms, 30-35 petals	medium green, glossy bush, 4' - 6'
Brandy	ab	7.0	H	mild tea	large double hybrid tea type blooms, 25-30 petals	medium green, 4' - 7'
Brass Band 1995 AARS	ab	7.8	F	moderately fruity	large full blooms, 30-35 petals	bright green, glossy, 4' - 6'

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Bride's Dream	lp	8.0	H	slight tea	large double hybrid tea type blooms, 25-30 petals	dark green, shiny, 4' - 7'
Brigadoon	rb	7.9	H	mild tea	large double hybrid tea blooms, 25-30 petals	dark green, glossy, slightly spreading, 4' - 7'
Candelabra 1999 AARS	ob	*	G	light sweet	large double blooms, 25 petals	dark green, glossy, 4' - 5'
Caribbean 1994 AARS	ab	7.6	G	mild tea	medium double blooms, 30-35 petals	bright green, 4' - 6'
Cecile Brunner	lp	8.2	P	moderate tea	small clusters, 30 plus petals	dark green, low, bushy, 2' - 3'
Cherish	op	8.4	F	slight tea	small clusters, 25-30 petals	medium green, 3' - 5'
China Doll	mp	8.3	P	light tea	large clusters of fluffy double blooms	medium green, dwarf, bushy mound, 2' - 3'
Chrysler Imperial 1953 AARS	dr	7.8	H	sweet, spicy	large velvety, very double blooms	dark green, 4' - 7'
Crimson Bouquet 2000 AARS	r	*	G	slight rose	4" blooms, 20-25 petals	deep green, 4 ½' - 5'
Crystalline	w	7.8	H	medium sweet tea	very large double blooms, 35-40 petals	dark green, 4' - 7'
Dainty Bess	lp	9.0	H	moderate tea	large single blooms, 5 petals	dark green, leathery, 4' - 6'
Don Juan	dr	8.2	C	strong rose	large full blooms, 30-35 petals	dark green, glossy, 10' - 14'
Dortmund	mr	9.1	O	moderate apple	large single blooms, 5-8 petals	deep green, shiny, 10' - 12'
Double Delight 1977 AARS	rb	8.9	H	strong spicy rose	very large hybrid tea blooms, 30-35 petals	deep green, 4' - 7'
Fairhope	ly	7.8	M	slight honeysuckle	large hybrid tea type blooms, 15-20 petals	dark green, 2' - 3'
The Fairy	lp	8.7	P	mild apple	small blooms in clusters, 20-25 petals	glossy green, 2' - 3'

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Figurine	w	7.9	M	moderate rose	large double blooms, 18-25 petals	medium green, 18" - 24"
First Light 1998 AARS	lp	7.7	S	spice	2 ½ - 3" blooms, 5-7 petals	medium green, 3' - 4'
First Prize 1970 AARS	pb	8.9	H	mild tea	very large double blooms, 25-30 petals	dark green, leathery, 4' - 7'
Fourth of July 1999 AARS	rb	*	C	apple & sweet rose	large sprays of semi-double blooms, 10-15 petals	shiny green, 10' - 14'
Francis Dubreuil 1894	dr	*	O	strong old rose	hybrid tea type bloom	deep green, compact, 3' - 4'
Gemini 2000 AARS	pb	*	H	spice	4 ½" blooms, 25-30 petals	dark green, 4' - 6'
Glowing Peace 2001 AARS	op	*	G	tea	3" blooms, 30-42 petals	deep glossy green, 4' - 5'
Gold Medal	my	8.8	G	rich fruity	medium double blooms, 30-35 petals	deep green 5' - 8'
Golden Celebration	dy	7.8	S	strong rose	large cupped blooms, 50 plus petals	medium green, round compact bush, 5' - 6'
Gourmet Popcorn	w	8.4	M	none	small flat blooms in clusters	dark green, compact bush, 2' - 3'
Graham Thomas	dy	7.9	S	slight spicy	deep cupped blooms, 50 plus petals	dark green, large upright bush, 6' - 8'
Heritage	lp	8.7	S	sweet tea	large deep cupped blooms, 50 plus petals	medium green, medium sized bush, 4'
Hermosa 1837	mp	7.9	O	spicy rose	cupped, full blooms	olive green, 4'
Honor	w	7.5	H	light honeysuckle	4-5" blooms, 20-22 petals	olive green, tall upright bush, 4' - 5'
Hot Tamale	yb	8.1	M	none	hybrid tea blooms in small clusters, 25-30 petals	dark green, 2'

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Hwy 290 Pink Buttons	lp	*	O	none	1" very double blooms	bright green, small, 2' - 3'
Iceberg	w	8.7	F	mild honey	medium blooms in clusters, 20-25 petals	very dark green, very bushy, 2' - 4'
Incognito	m	7.7	M	mild rose	mild rose	medium green, 2' - 3'
Ingrid Bergman	dr	7.1	H	slight rose	very large double blooms, 35-40 petals	deep green, 4' - 6'
Intrigue 1984 AARS	m	6.8	F	strong citrus & rose	medium-large double blooms, 25-30 petals	medium green, 3' - 4'
Irresistible	w	8.0	M	none	hybrid tea type blooms, 45-50 petals	medium green, 2' - 3'
Jean Kenneally	ab	9.7	M	none	hybrid tea type sprays, 25 petals	dark green, 2' - 3'
Jingle Bells	dr	*	M	none	hybrid tea type blooms, 25 petals	medium green, 18" - 24"
Joseph's Coat	rb	v	C	light tea	large clusters of double blooms, 23-28 petals	dark green, 10' - 12'
June Laver	dy	7.9	C	none	hybrid tea type blooms, 20-25 petals	medium green, 18" - 24"
Just For You	dr	8.0	M	none	hybrid tea type blooms, 25 petals	medium green, 24" - 30"
Knock Out 2000 AARS	dr	v	S	tea rose	3-3 1/2" blooms, 5-7 petals	glossy green, 3' - 3 1/2'
Kristin	rb	8.1	M	none	hybrid tea type blooms, 25 petals	dark green, 24" - 30"
Lanvin	ly	7.1	H	none	large double blooms, 25-30 petals	dark green, 4' - 6'
Linville	w	7.8	M	none	hybrid tea type blooms, 25 petals	medium green, 2' - 3'
Love	rb	7.1	G	slight rose	medium double blooms, 30-35 petals	dark green, upright bush, 3' - 4'

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Madame Hardy	w	9.0	O	strong rose	medium cupped blooms, 100 petals	light green, upright bush, 5' - 6'
Marmalade Skies 2001 AARS	ob	ob	F	slight rose	2 ½ - 3" double blooms, 17-28 petals	olive green, 3'
Martha Gonzales	mr	*	O	slight apple	single blossoms, 6-8 petals	dark green with red tinge, 3' - 4'
Margo Koster	ob	7.5	P	slight tea	small blooms in clusters, 25-30 petals	deep green, 2' - 3'
Mary Rose	mp	8.7	S	strong rose	damask type, deep cupped blooms, 50 plus petals	medium green, 4' - 5'
Minnie Pearl	pb	9.4	M	none	hybrid tea type blooms, 25-30 petals	dark green glossy, 2' - 3'
Mister Lincoln 1965 AARS	dr	8.8	H	strong damask	pointed blooms, 30-35 petals	dark grey-green, 5' - 7'
Monsieur Tillier	op	9.0	O	spicy herbal tea	compact medium sized blooms, 50 plus petals	medium green, upright, 4' - 6'
Moonstone	w	*	H	mild tea & rose	large fully double blooms, 30-35 petals	large dark green, 5' - 7'
Mothers Love	pb	7.8	M	none	hybrid tea type blooms, 25-30 petals	dark green, 30" - 36"
Mutabilis (Butterfly Rose)	yb	8.7	O	slight tea	single silky blooms, 5 petals	deep dark green, 5' - 8'
My Sunshine	my	8.7	M	none	single bloom, 5 petals	dark green, 24" - 30"
New Zealand	lp	7.5	H	honeysuckle	large pointed blooms, 30-35 petals	deep dark green, 4' - 6'
Nicole	rb	9.1	H	slight rose	blooms in clusters, 20-25 petals	medium green, 3' - 4'
Old Blush	mp	8.8	O	slight rose	medium semi-double blooms, 25-30 petals	medium green, 4' - 6'
Opening Night 1998 AARS	dr	7.9	H	slight tea	4 ½" blooms, 25-30 petals	dark green, semi-glossy, 5' - 6'

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Othello	mr	7.1	S	strong rose	large deep blooms, 50 plus petals	light green, 5' - 7'
Olympiad 1984 AARS	r	9.1	H	light fruity	large double blooms, 30-35 petals	grey-green, 4' - 6'
Peace 1946 AARS	yb	6.8	H	mild fruity	large full blooms, 40-45 petals	medium green, glossy, 4' - 7'
Perle d'Or 1884	ab	8.3	P	spicy rose	small clusters of full blooms	dark green, mounding, 3' - 4'
Pierrine	op	9.4	M	none	hybrid tea type blooms, 20-25 petals	dark green, 18" - 30"
Playboy	rb	8.1	F	medium apple	large double blooms, 7-10 petals	medium green, 3' - 5'
Playgirl	mp	8.1	F	light fruity	medium single blooms, 5-7 petals	medium green, 3' - 4'
Popcorn	w	8.3	M	none	tiny blooms in clusters	dark green, 30" - 36"
Pristine	w	9.2	H	mild rose	very large, double blooms, 25-30 petals	deep dark green, 4' - 6'
Queen Elizabeth 1955 AARS	mp	9.0	G	moderate tea	large, double blooms, 35 petals	dark green, 4' - 8'
Rainbow's End	yb	9.0	M	slight fruity	large full blooms, 30-35 petals	dark green, 20" - 24"
R. Rouletti	mp	6.7	M	mild fruity	small double blooms, in clusters or single, 20-22 petals	medium green, 2' - 3'
Reine des Violettes	m	8.0	O	strong rose	deep cupped blooms, 75 petals	medium green, 6' - 8'
Rio Samba	yb	7.3	v	light tea	medium double blooms, 25 petals	dark green, 3' - 5'
Rise 'N' Shine	my	7.4	M	mild fruity	hybrid tea type blooms, 30-35 petals	dark green, 18" - 30"
Rose de Rescht	dp	8.6	O	mild damask	2" blooms, 50 plus petals	deep green, 3' - 4'

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Royal Highness 1963 AARS	lp	8.2	H	sweet tea	large full blooms, 40-45 petals	bright green, 4' - 7'
Sarabande 1960 AARS	or	8.0	F	light tea	large double blooms, in clusters, 8-14 petals	medium green, 4' - 5'
Sally Holmes	w	8.9	S	slight rose	large single blooms, in clusters, 5-8 petals	dark green, 8' - 10'
Santa Claus	dr		M	light rose	velvety hybrid tea type blooms, 15-20 petals	medium green, shiny, 16" - 24"
Scintimental	rb	7.6	F	strong sweet	large double blooms, 25-30 petals	dark green, 4' - 5'
Secret	pb	7.6	H	sweet & spicy	large fully double blooms, 30-35 petals	medium green, 4' - 6'
Sexy Rexy	mp	9.0	F	slight fruity	medium double blooms, 30-40 petals	deep green, 4' - 6'
Sheer Elegance	w	7.8	H	light tea	Large full blooms, 30-35 petals	dark green, 4' - 6'
Showbiz 1985 AARS	mr	8.6	F	light tea	medium blooms, in clusters, 20-25 petals	dark green, glossy, 3' - 4'
Signature	dp	*	H	light fruity	large full blooms, 30-35 petals	dark green, 4' - 6'
Snow Bride	w	9.3	M	none	medium hybrid tea type blooms, 20 petals	dark green, 18" - 24"
Sombreuil	w	8.8	O	sweet tea	flat, quartered blooms, 100 petals	dark green, 8' - 12'
Souvenir de la Malmaison	lp	8.7	O	strong spicy	very doubled quartered blooms, 35-45 petals	mid-green, glossy, 3' - 4'
St. Patrick 1996 AARS	dy	7.7	H	mild apple	large fully double blooms, 30-35 petals	grey-green, 4' - 6'
Starina	or	9.0	M	slight tea	large full blooms, 30-35 petals	dark green, glossy, 24" - 30"
Summer Fashion	yb	8.0	F	mild fruity	large full double blooms, 35-40 petals	medium green, 3' - 5'

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Sunset Celebration 1998 AARS	ab	7.8	H	fruity	4 ½" blooms, 25-30 petals	deep green, 4 ½' - 5 ½'
Sun Sprinkles 2001 AARS	dy	*	M	musk	2" blooms, 25-30 petals	dark green, 18" - 24"
Sunsprite	dy	8.7	F	sweet licorice	medium double blooms, 25-30 petals	deep green, glossy, 3' - 5'
Sweet Chariot	m	7.7	M	strong rose	medium ruffled blooms, in clusters, 45-50 petals	deep green, 18" - 30"
Tamaro	ab	*	S	strong myrrh	medium deeply cupped blooms, 40-50 petals	medium green, 3' - 4'
Timeless 1997 AARS	dp	7.7	H	mild rose	large double blooms, 25-30 petals	deep green, 4' - 6'
Touch of Class 1986 AARS	op	9.5	H	slight tea	large double blooms, 30 petals	medium green, 4' - 7'
Tournament of Roses 1989 AARS	mp	8.0	G	light spice	medium double blooms, 25-30 petals	deep green, 4' - 6'
Tropicana 1963 AARS	or	7.6	H	sweet fruity	large fully double blooms, 30-35 petals	dark green, glossy, 3' - 4'
Veteran's Honor 1999	mr	*	H	tea	4 ½" blooms, 30-35 petals	medium green, 4 ½' - 5'
Why Not	rb	7.9	M	light tea	medium single blooms, 5 petals	deep green, 12" - 18"
X-Rated	pb	7.7	M	light spice	medium hybrid tea type blooms, 26-40 petals	dark green, 18" - 24"
Zephirine Drouhin	mp	8.1	O	strong rose	medium cupped blooms, 30-35 petals	medium green, thornless, 8' - 10'

¹**AARS** - All America Rose Selection winner. These are the roses judged to be the best of the year.

²**Color Classification**

ab= apricot & apricot blend	m= mauve & mauve blend	or= orange red & orange red blend
dr= dark red	mp= medium pink	pb= pink blend
dp= deep pink	mr= medium red	rb= red blend
dy= deep yellow	my= medium yellow	r= russet
lp= light pink	ob= orange & orange blend	w= white, near white & white blend
ly= light yellow	op= orange pink & orange pink blend	yb= yellow blend

³**American Rose Society rating.** Roses are rated as to their adaptability and growth habits. The roses are rated one through ten, with ten being the best. These ratings are for the low desert.

*Roses with an asterisk have not been rated by the ARS.

9.0 - 10.0	Best	7.8 - 8.2	Very good
8.8 - 9.2	Outstanding	6.8 - 7.2	Average
8.3 - 8.7	Excellent	6.1 - 6.7	Below Average
7.3 - 7.7	Good	6.0	Not recommended

⁴**Rose classification**

H Hybrid Tea	S Shrub	P Polyantha	O Old Garden Rose
G Grandiflora	F Floribunda	M Miniature	C Climber