



ROSE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR SONOMA COUNTY

Sonoma County presents the rose enthusiast an excellent climate in which to grow roses. These roses are recommended by Sonoma County residents who are all long time avid growers and Consulting Rosarians. The list is intended to be a place to begin selecting rose varieties. Naturally, there are many more varieties which will do well in you garden and not all are commercially available each year. The list includes the 2023 ratings, and the few which have no rating have not yet been rated by the ARS or are no longer in the Handbook. The HANDBOOK FOR SELECTING ROSES (ARS publication) describes the classifications of roses as well as the color, number of petals and date introduced.

SPECIES ROSES

VARIETY	CLASSIFICATION	COLOR	RATING	YEAR INTRODUCED	
R. banksiae lutea	Species	Light yellow	9.2	1824	slight
R. rugosa alba	Species	White	9.1	1784	slight

OLD GARDEN ROSES

VARIETY	CLASSIFICATION	COLOR	RATING	YEAR INTRODUCED	
Alba Semi-plena	Alba	White	8.9	Pre 1754	very fragrant
Baronne Prevost	Hybrid Perpetual	Medium Pink	8.5	Pre 1841	moderate
Fantin-Latour	China	Light Pink	8.2	Pre 1900	very fragrant
La Belle Sultane	Gallica	Dark Red	8.4	Pre 1801	very fragrant
Louis Philippe	China	Red Blend	8.9	1834	fragrant
Mme. Alfred Carriere	Noisette	White	8.8	1879	fragrant
Mme. Hardy	Damask	White	8.7	1832	very fragrant
Mutabilis	Hybrid China	Yellow Blend	8.8	Pre 1894	slight
Rose de Rescht	Portland	Deep Pink	8.7	1880	very fragrant
Souv. de la Malmaison	Bourbon	Light Pink	8.6	1843	fragrant

MODERN ROSES/ HYBRID TEA

VARIETY	CLASSIFICATION	COLOR	RATING	YEAR INTRODUCED	
Aromatherapy	Hybrid Tea	Medium Pink	7	2005	very fragrant
Artistry	Hybrid Tea	Orange Pink	8	1998	slight
Barbra Streisand	Hybrid Tea	Mauve	7.1	1999	fragrant
Beloved	Hybrid Tea	Dark Red	7.3	2004	moderate
Black Magic	Hybrid Tea	Dark Red	8.1	1997	slight
Brandy	Hybrid Tea	Apricot Blend	7.6	1981	slight
Color Magic	Hybrid Tea	Pink Blend	7.7	1977	fragrant
Crystalline	Hybrid Tea	White	7.8	1987	moderate
Della Reese	Hybrid Tea	Mauve	7.6	2003	fragrant
Double Delight	Hybrid Tea	Red Blend	8.3	1976	very fragrant
Electron	Hybrid Tea	Deep Pink	7.8	1971	fragrant
Elina	Hybrid Tea	Light Yellow	8.4	1984	slight
Firefighter	Hybrid Tea	Medium Red	7.8	2004	very fragrant
First Prize	Hybrid Tea	Pink Blend	7.9	1970	moderate
Fragrant Cloud	Hybrid Tea	Orange Red	8.1	1967	very fragrant
Gemini	Hybrid Tea	Pink Blend	8.4	1999	moderate
Helmut Schmidt	Hybrid Tea	Medium Yellow	7.6	1980	moderate
Henry Fonda	Hybrid Tea	Deep Yellow	7.6	1998	slight
Honor	Hybrid Tea	White	7.6	1979	slight
Ingrid Bergman	Hybrid Tea	Dark Red	8	1984	slight
Just Joey	Hybrid Tea	Orange Blend	8	1972	fragrant
Kardinal	Hybrid Tea	Medium Red	8.4	1986	slight

LeAnn Rimes	Hybrid Tea	Pink Blend	7.4	1999	fragrant
Let Freedom Ring	Hybrid Tea	Medium Red	8	2005	moderate
Marilyn Monroe	Hybrid Tea	Apricot Blend	8	2001	no fragrance
Memorial Day	Hybrid Tea	Medium Pink	7.9	2002	very fragrant
Mister Lincoln	Hybrid Tea	Dark Red	8.3	1965	very fragrant
Neptune	Hybrid Tea	Mauve	7.5	2003	fragrant
New Zealand	Hybrid Tea	Light Pink	7.8	1989	very fragrant
Oklahoma	Hybrid Tea	Dark Red	7.2	1964	fragrant
Olympiad	Hybrid Tea	Medium Red	8.4	1983	slight
Pascali	Hybrid Tea	White	7.8	1963	slight
Perfect Moment	Hybrid Tea	Red Blend	8	1990	slight
Pristine	Hybrid Tea	White	8.2	1977	no fragrance
Randy Scott	Hybrid Tea	White	7.9	2007	no fragrance
St Patrick	Hybrid Tea	Yellow Blend	7.9	1999	slight
Sunset Celebration	Hybrid Tea	Apricot Blend	8	1999	moderate
Veteran's Honor	Hybrid Tea	Dark Red	8.4	1999	slight
Whisper	Hybrid Tea	White	7.7	2003	slight

MODERN ROSES/ GRANDIFLORA

VARIETY	CLASSIFICATION	COLOR	RATING	YEAR INTRODUCED	
Dick Clark	Grandiflora	Red Blend	7.8	2009	moderate
Fame	Grandiflora	Deep Pink	8.2	1998	slight
Gold Medal	Grandiflora	Medium Yellow	8.3	1981	slight
Oktoberfest	Grandiflora	Orange Blend	7.7	1998	slight
Queen Elizabeth	Grandiflora	Medium Pink	8.1	1954	moderate
Strike it Rich	Grandiflora	Yellow Blend	7.9	2005	fragrant
Tournament of Roses	Grandiflora	Pink Blend	8.2	1988	slight
Wild Blue Yonder	Grandiflora	Mauve	7.9	2004	very fragrant

MODERN ROSES/ FLORIBUNDA

VARIETY	CLASSIFICATION	COLOR	RATING	YEAR INTRODUCED	
Angel Face	Floribunda	Mauve	7.7	1968	very fragrant
Betty Boop	Floribunda	Red Blend	8.1	1999	moderate
Bill Warriner	Floribunda	Orange Pink	7.8	1998	slight
Black Cherry	Floribunda	Dark Red	7.6	2007	slight
Blueberry Hill	Floribunda	Mauve	7.8	1999	moderate
Chihuly	Floribunda	Red blend	7.6	2003	slight
Cinco de Mayo	Floribunda	Russet	7.8	2007	slight
Day Breaker	Floribunda	Apricot Blend	8	2003	slight
Easy Does It	Floribunda	Orange Blend	7.9	2008	slight
Ebb Tide	Floribunda	Mauve	7.5	2004	fragrant
Europeana	Floribunda	Dark Red	8.3	1964	slight
French Lace	Floribunda	White	8.1	1981	slight
Hot Cocoa	Floribunda	Russet	8	2001	moderate
Iceberg	Floribunda	White	8.4	1959	moderate
Julia Child	Floribunda	Medium Yellow	8.3	2005	fragrant
Lavaglut	Floribunda	Dark Red	8.6	1979	slight
Livin' Easy	Floribunda	Orange Blend	8.2	1992	slight
Marmalade Skies	Floribunda	Orange Blend	8.2	1999	slight
Playboy	Floribunda	Red Blend	8.4	1976	slight
Playgirl	Floribunda	Medium Pink	8.3	1986	slight
Sentimental	Floribunda	Red Blend	7.8	1999	fragrant
Sheila's Perfume	Floribunda	Yellow Blend	8.1	1982	very fragrant
Sunsprite	Floribunda	Deep Yellow	8.3	1973	fragrant

MODERN ROSES/ SHRUB

VARIETY	CLASSIFICATION	COLOR	RATING	YEAR INTRODUCED	
Autumn Sunset	Shrub Roses	Apricot	8.1	1987	fragrant
Ballerina	Shrub Roses	Medium Pink	8.5	1937	slight
Belle Story	Shrub Roses	Light Pink	8.5	1985	fragrant
Gartendiecktor Otto Linne	Shrub Roses	Deep Pink	8.6	1934	slight
Graham Thomas	Shrub Roses	Deep Yellow	8.2	1983	fragrant
Sally Holmes	Shrub Roses	White	8.8	1976	slight
Sparrieshoop	Shrub Roses	Light Pink	8.1	1953	moderate

MODERN ROSES/ MINIATURES & MINIFLORAS

VARIETY	CLASSIFICATION	COLOR	RATING	YEAR INTRODUCED	
Autumn Splendor	Miniflora	Yellow Blend	8.3	1999	slight
Bees Knees	Miniature	Yellow Blend	8.3	1998	slight
Black Jade	Miniature	Dark Red	7.8	1985	no fragrance
Butter Cream	Miniflora	Medium Yellow	8	2003	no fragrance
Cal Poly	Miniature	Medium Yellow	8	1991	slight
Fairhope	Miniature	Light Yellow	8.1	1989	slight
Glowing Amber	Miniature	Red Blend	7.9	1996	slight
Gourmet Popcorn	Miniature	White	8.5	1987	slight
Hot Tamale	Miniature	Yellow Blend	8.3	1993	slight
Irresistible	Miniature	White	8.7	1990	moderate
Jean Kenneally	Miniature	Apricot Blend	8.8	1984	slight
Joy	Miniature	Pink Blend	8	2007	slight
Maroon Eight	Miniflora	Dark Red	8.3	2015	slight
Minnie Pearl	Miniature	Pink Blend	8.6	1983	slight
Powerhouse	Miniflora	Red Blend	7.7	2009	slight
Rise 'n'Shine	Miniature	Medium Yellow	8.4	1980	slight
Robin Redbreast	Miniflora	Red Blend	8.7	1983	no fragrance
Snow Bride	Miniature	White	8.3	1982	moderate
Ty	Miniature	Deep Yellow	7.8	2005	slight
Violet Hour	Miniature	Mauve	8.7	2016	no fragrance

MODERN ROSES/LARGE FLOWERED CLIMBERS

VARIETY	CLASSIFICATION	COLOR	RATING	YEAR INTRODUCED	
Altissimo	Lg. Flowered Climber	Medium Red	8.4	1966	slight
America	Lg. Flowered Climber	Orange Pink	8.2	1975	fragrant
Don Juan	Lg. Flowered Climber	Dark Red	8.3	1958	very fragrant
Dublin Bay	Lg. Flowered Climber	Medium Red	8.4	1976	moderate
Fourth of July	Lg. Flowered Climber	Red Blend	8.2	1999	moderate
New Dawn	Lg. Flowered Climber	Light Pink	8.4	1930	fragrant
Polka	Lg. Flowered Climber	Apricot Blend	8	1996	moderate
Royal Sunset	Lg. Flowered Climber	Apricot Blend	8.9	1960	very fragrant
Sombreuil	Lg. Flowered Climber	White	8.7	1880	slight

MODERN ROSES/POLYANTHUS

VARIETY	CLASSIFICATION	COLOR	RATING	YEAR INTRODUCED	
Mlle Cecile Brunner	Polyantha	Light Pink	8.5	1880	fragrant