

## BULLET PROOF ROSES

One of the questions I am often asked is what are bullet proof roses to grow in our area. So I sat down and did some research. The key factors for selection is disease resistance to fungal disease, vigorous, and floriferous. Only those roses considered either excellent or very good for disease resistance are listed. In addition, the majority of these roses are tolerant of heat. Several are fragrant. All of them are currently in commerce. In all, 32 roses.

Climbers, heritage roses and miniatures were omitted in this analysis. If you think there should be other roses included in this group, please let me know. One I think should be included is Oh my! The more I think about it I am sure that I will think of others.

The best time to select roses is in early spring when roses are distributed to the nurseries from the growing fields. Many local nurseries have a good selection. Regan's Nursery, located in Fremont, offers bareroot roses. Normally, they update there website with their next year's selection of roses by September and available in January/February.

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### **BELINDA'S DREAM**

Shrub; Scent: Strong  
Size: 5'x5'  
Disease Resistance: Excellent  
Heat Tolerant, vigorous.  
**ARS: 8.4**



### **BETTY BOOP**

Floribunda; Scent: Light  
Size: 4' x4'  
Disease Resistance: Excellent  
Heat Tolerant.  
Reblooms quickly.  
**ARS: 8.1**



### **BRILLIANT PINK ICEBERG**

Floribunda. Slight fragrant.  
Vigorous. Very disease resistant. Medium, bushy, upright. Dense foliage.  
Height 4' Width 4'.  
**ARS: 7.5**



### **BURGUNDY ICEBERG**

Floribunda  
Scent: Mild  
Size: 3'x3'  
Disease Resistance: Very good. Super flowerful.  
**ARS: 7.6**



### **CHERRY PARFAIT**

Grandiflora;  
Scent: Light  
Size: 3'x3'  
Disease Resistance: Excellent  
Heat and Shade tolerant.  
Vigorous  
**ARS: 8.0**



### **CINCO DE MAYO**

Floribunda  
Scent: Light  
Size: 3'x3'  
Disease Resistance: Excellent  
Heat Tolerant, vigorous  
**ARS:7.8**



### **DICK CLARK**

Grandiflora  
Scent: Light  
Size: 5'x3'  
Disease Resistance: Excellent  
Easy to grow, vigorous.  
**ARS:7.8**



### **DISTANT DRUMS**

Shrub  
Scent: Strong  
Size: 4'x4'  
Disease Resistance: Excellent  
Vigorous.  
**ARS: 8.0**

## STELLAR ROSES



### EASY SPIRIT

Floribunda; Scent: Mild

Size: 3'x3'

Disease Resistance: Excellent

White with touches of red or pink.

**ARS: too new**



### FIREFIGHTER

Hybrid Tea; Scent: Strong

Size: 5'x3'

Disease Resistance: Very good.

Heat Tolerant, almost thornless.

**ARS: 7.8**



### GEMINI

Hybrid Tea; Scent: Mild

Size: 5'x3'

Disease Resistance: Very good.

Exceptional blooms, vigorous.

**ARS: 8.4**



### HOT COCOA

Floribunda; Scent: Mild

Size: 5'x3'

Disease Resistance: Excellent

Heat Tolerant, vigorous

**ARS: 8.0**



### JULIA CHILD

Floribunda; Scent: Strong

Size: 3'x3'

Disease Resistance: Very good.

Heat Tolerant, vigorous, floriferous.

**ARS: 8.3**



### LAVAGLUT

Floribunda; Glossy foliage.

Size: 2' to 3'

Blooms last a long time.

Vigorous, heat and rain tolerant.

**ARS: 8.6**



### LET FREEDOM RING

Hybrid Tea; Scent: Mild

Size: 5'x3'

Disease Resistance: Excellent

Heat Tolerant, vigorous

**ARS: 8.0**



### LYDA ROSE

Shrub; Scent: Light

Size: 4' x4'

Disease Resistance: Excellent

Shade Tolerant, vigorous.  
Single flowers borne in clusters.

**ARS: 9.0**



### MARILYN MONROE

Hybrid Tea; Scent: Light

Size: 4'x3'

Disease Resistance: Very good

Very large flowers,

Vigorous, heat tolerant.

**ARS: 8.0**



### MEMORIAL DAY

Hybrid Tea; Scent: Strong

Size: 4' x4'

Disease Resistance: Excellent

Heat tolerant. Vigorous

**ARS: 7.9**



### MOLINEUX

Shrub (Austin) Scent: Mild

Size: 4'x3'

Disease Resistance: Excellent

Heat & Shade Tolerant.

Vigorous

**ARS: 8.0**



### PINK GRUSS AN AACHAN

Type: Floribunda

Scent: Mild

Size: 3'x3'

Disease Resistance: Excellent

Almost thornless, vigorous.

**ARS: 8.1**

## GREAT ROSES TO GROW



### PLAYBOY

Floribunda  
Scent: light  
Size: 3'x3'  
Disease Resistance: Excellent  
Heat Tolerant, vigorous

**ARS: 8.4**



### PLAYGIRL

Floribunda; Scent: Light  
Size: 3'x3'  
Disease Resistance: Excellent  
Heat Tolerant, almost thornless.

**ARS: 8.3**



### POPE JOHN PAUL II

Hybrid Tea; Scent: Strong  
Size: 4'x3'  
Disease Resistance: Very Good  
Vigorous, needs full sun.

**ARS: 7.8**



### .PRETTY LADY ROSE

Hybrid Tea; Scent: Strong  
Size: 3'x3'  
Disease Resistance: Very Good  
Heat Tolerant, vigorous

**ARS: 8.3**



### PRINCESS ANNE

Shrub (Austin); Scent: Strong  
Size: 4'x4'  
Disease Resistance: Excellent  
Heat Tolerant, vigorous

**ARS: 7.8**



### QUIETNESS

Shrub; Scent: Strong  
Size: 4'x4'  
Disease Resistance: Very Good.; Heat Tolerant, vigorous

**ARS: 8.3**



### ROCK & ROLL

Grandiflora; Scent: Mild  
Size: 4'x3'  
Disease Resistance: Excellent  
Heat Tolerant, vigorous

**ARS: 7.5**



### SALLY HOLMES

Shrub; Scent: Light  
Size: 7' x5'  
Disease Resistance: Excellent  
Shade Tolerant, vigorous. Single flowers borne in clusters

**ARS: 8.8**



### SECRET

Hybrid Tea; Scent: Strong  
Size: 4'x4'  
Disease Resistance: Very good  
Prolific bloomer. Vigorous, heat tolerant.

**ARS: 8.0**



### SIR JOHN BETJEMAN

Shrub (Austin); Scent: Light  
Size: 3' x3'  
Disease Resistance: Excellent  
Heat tolerant. Vigorous. Long lasting flowers.

**ARS: 8.2**



### SPARKLE & SHINE

Floribunda; Scent: Mild  
Size: 4'x5'  
Disease Resistance: very good  
Easy Care, vigorous.

**ARS: 8.0**



### ST PATRICK

Floribunda; Scent: Mild  
Size: 3'x3'  
Disease Resistance: Excellent  
Almost thornless, vigorous.

**ARS: 7.9**