

Mandevilla "Parfait Series"

INFO NOTE

Key Benefits Few plants give the show of Mandevillas. They are outstanding flowering plants. Mandevillas are light climbers suitable for flowering positions in sunny garden beds and in large decorative garden pots. A light trellis is needed for them to grow over. They are not heavy creepers so are easily looked after. The four "Parfait" selections are progeny of *Mandevilla amabilis*. "Blush" has the palest of pink flower. "Moonlight" is semi-double in a very feminine pale pink. "Passion Pink" has the most beautiful fully double flower in American Rose and "Tango Twirl" is unreal with the biggest and fullest fully double flower in the palest tango and pink. "Parfait" Mandevillas in full flower really stop you in your tracks, they are so outstanding. Flowering in the sub-tropical climates of South East Queensland from late September till May with masses of trumpet shaped flowers, they are certainly flamboyant. In southern states the flowering starts in October and goes till early May. The common name is Chilean Jasmine.

Origin The "Parfait" Quartet are all descended from *Mandevilla amabilis* which is a hybrid with one parent being *Mandevilla splendens* and the other parent unidentified. Mandevillas are native to the subtropical jungles of Brazil.

Uses For a light growing creeper to spill over a light trellis, an archway or rambling on a fence one cannot go past the Mandevilla "Parfait" quartet. Flamboyant flowers in the colours of today. They are an ideal plant near swimming pools, patios and on light trellis against the house, even in full western sun. Plant in garden beds or large decorator pots.

Care Mandevillas will tolerate a wide range of soil types as long as they are well drained and fertile. For best results they need to grow in full sun. They are subtropical plants so need a warm position. When grown in cooler districts, protection from frosts is needed, that being said they will grow around much of the continental Australian coastline. Mulch to conserve moisture, they like their roots to be in cool moist soils at all times. Pruning to remove old wood and to shape the bush is best done in late winter. Flowers appear only on new wood so pruning is beneficial to promote more flower. The most common pests of Mandevilla are mites and mealy bug. These plants are worth the trouble to treat for these problems which are not major. Really an outstanding addition to your garden. Flamboyant and beautiful in flower over a long period.



Parfait Tango Twirl(ΔF)



Parfait Blush(Δ)



Parfait Moonlight



Parfait Passion Pink(Δ)

Aussie Winners® Mandevilla "Parfait Series" will be available from good garden centres in all states. Look for them in the distinctive silver coloured pots printed with the AW logo. PBR plants are protected by the Plant Breeders Rights Act Australia 1994. Commercial propagation prohibited. For additional information and stockists contact Aussie Winners on (07) 3206 7676. For more information on this plant and others in the Aussie Winners® range go to www.aussiewinners.com.au

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