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Apothecary's Rose

Rosa gallica var. officinalis Also known as: **Old Red Damask, Crimson Damask Rose, Provence rose, Red rose of Lancaster, Rosa officinalis**

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This description is for **Apothecary's Rose** (*Rosa gallica var. officinalis*):

Old Red Damask should be covering your face, not your garden.

It is only a modest-sized shrub, but there is no doubt *Rosa gallica var. officinalis* makes an impact everywhere it appears. Lush, dark green, deeply furrowed oval leaves create a real sense of character, while its large, round and usually dark pink, lightly scented flowers are scattered over the domed shrub in summer. Known as the Apothecary's Rose, it loves moist, well-drained soil, but requires full sun to maximize its floral impact. A climber, it can easily negotiate trellises or walls, bringing a touch of class to anywhere. Pruning in late winter and deadheading after flowering encourage greater floral displays.



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| Plant | Environment | Usage |
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| Known dangers? no | Acidity Acidic Neutral Alkaline | Standard category Trees & shrubs Shrubs |
| Height [m] 1 - 1.2 | Hardiness zone Z3-9 | Grown for Attractive Flowers |

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| Spread [m] 1 | Heat zone H9-1 | Creative category Kid Approved Fine fragrant Colours Show-offs Neighbour repellent For birds & bees Roses & classics Author's choice |
| Dominant flower colour Red | Winter temperatures [°C] -40 - -1 | Garden type Cottage garden City |
| Flower Fragrance Yes, let it smell | Heat days 0 - 150 | Garden spaces Specimen Hedges and screens Borders |
| Flowering seasons Early spring Mid spring Late spring Early summer | Moisture well-drained well-drained but frequently watered | Gardening expertise intermediate |
| Foliage in spring Green | Soil type sandy Clay chalky loams | Time to reach full size 2 to 5 years |
| Foliage in summer Green | Sun requirements Full sun Partial shade | |
| Foliage in Autumn Green | Exposure Exposed Sheltered | |
| Foliage in winter Green | | |
| Awards? Yes, let it smell | | |
| Propagation methods softwood cuttings seed budding Hardwood cuttings | | |
| Growth habit Climbing Rounded | | |