



Grape Expectations Coral Bells

Heuchera 'Grape Expectations'

Height: 12 inches

Spread: 24 inches

Sunlight: ○ ● ●

Hardiness Zone: 4a

Other Names: Coralbells, Alumroot

Description:

Dark purple foliage develops a silvery sheen in summer, then becomes reddish-purple in fall; tall scapes of dainty white flowers on dark purple stems in summer; amazing contrast to other plants; great versatility; keep soil moist in heat of summer

Ornamental Features

Grape Expectations Coral Bells features dainty spikes of white bell-shaped flowers rising above the foliage from late spring to mid summer. Its attractive crinkled lobed leaves remain plum purple in color with showy silver variegation and tinges of dark red throughout the year. The deep purple stems can be quite attractive.

Landscape Attributes

Grape Expectations Coral Bells is a dense herbaceous evergreen perennial with tall flower stalks held atop a low mound of foliage. Its relatively fine texture sets it apart from other garden plants with less refined foliage.

This is a relatively low maintenance plant, and should be cut back in late fall in preparation for winter. It is a good choice for attracting hummingbirds to your yard. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Grape Expectations Coral Bells is recommended for the following landscape applications;



Grape Expectations Coral Bells foliage

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Grape Expectations Coral Bells in bloom

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Planting & Growing

Grape Expectations Coral Bells will grow to be about 12 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 24 inches. Its foliage tends to remain dense right to the ground, not requiring facer plants in front. It grows at a medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 10 years. As an evergreen perennial, this plant will typically keep its form and foliage year-round.

This plant performs well in both full sun and full shade. It prefers to grow in average to moist conditions, and shouldn't be allowed to dry out. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. Consider applying a thick mulch around the root zone in winter to protect it in exposed locations or colder microclimates. This particular variety is an interspecific hybrid. It can be propagated by division; however, as a cultivated variety, be aware that it may be subject to certain restrictions or prohibitions on propagation.

Grape Expectations Coral Bells is a fine choice for the garden, but it is also a good selection for planting in outdoor pots and containers. It is often used as a 'filler' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination, providing a mass of flowers and foliage against which the larger thriller plants stand out. Note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.