

## **Pink Drift**



For the last few years, hybridizers and rose growers have been concentrating on developing roses that are more carefree and disease resistant. “Pink Drift” is a perfect example of one of these roses. I found this description on the Star Roses website; *“Pink Drift® is low-growing with distinctive mounded flowers. Deep pink flowers with a soft faded center bloom in abundance throughout the season. This disease-resistant plant is easy to care for and easy to combine with other perennials”.* This really describes “Pink Drift”. As you can see in the photo above, it is very free blooming, needs no deadheading to rebloom and in the three years we have grown it, it has proven to be quite disease resistant, no signs of blackspot or mildew.

“Pink Drift” could probably get along without any winter pruning, but we always have pruned it lightly each winter and it seems to appreciate the trimming. It usually blooms a little later than some of our other roses, but once it has started, it blooms nonstop until late fall.

We first found “Pink Drift” on a trip to Gold Leaf Nursery. We did not go there with the intent of buying a rose, we were buying annuals for our hanging baskets and the “pink Drift” roses were in full bloom and in prime spots around the nursery, naturally we had to get one. This rose meets all the things I love about roses: it’s a single, it’s pink with a white center, and has glossy foliage, usually a sign of disease resistance. How could we go wrong with it? It has not been a disappointment, since that initial purchase, we have bought five more, it makes such a show in the garden. This is one purchase, made on the spur of the moment, that we will never regret.

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