

Prunus serrulata 'Royal Burgundy'
Royal Burgundy Flowering Cherry



Prunus serrulata 'Royal Burgundy' (Royal Burgundy Flowering Cherry) was discovered and marketed by Frank Parks of Speer & Sons Nursery in Oregon, USA in 1990. In all aspects, this cultivar is very similar to *Prunus serrulata* 'Kanzan', which is why it came about as a mutation of that cultivar. Its dark purple leaves in particular are what clearly distinguishes the 'Royal Burgundy' from the 'Kanzan'. Furthermore, *Prunus serrulata* 'Royal Burgundy' stays a bit smaller, with a height of 6 - 8 metres. The tree forms a vase-shaped crown that is 4 - 6 metres wide.

The Royal Burgundy Flowering Cherry blooms abundantly in late April, early May with half-filled, slightly fragrant closed racemes. The flowers are a slightly darker shade of pink than the blossoms of the 'Kanzan' cultivar. Characteristic of *Prunus serrulata* 'Royal Burgundy' is its dark purple leaves that bud along with the blossoms. In autumn, the leaves of the selection turn an impressive flaming red-orange. Young trees have red-brown bark, which later turns brown-grey with the lenticels on the bark and branches that are characteristic of Japanese cherry trees. This sterile cultivar does not bear fruit.

The 'Royal Burgundy' cultivar is a strong tree that is great for use as a distinctive accent in gardens and parks. The dark leaves of the tree are a real eyecatcher when the species is used as a solitary tree, but it can look a bit bleak when planted in large numbers. The tree can tolerate moderate winds, and is not able to tolerate pavement very well either. For optimal growth, give *Prunus serrulata* 'Royal Burgundy' a sunny environment in nutrient-rich, slightly lime-rich, very permeable and moist soil.

SEASONAL COLOURS

jan	feb	mar	apr	mei	jun	jul	aug	sep	okt	nov	dec

TYPES OF PLANTING

Tree types: standard trees, multi-stemmed trees, solitary shrubs | **Topiary on stem**: multi-stem umbrella

USE

Location: street, avenue, square, car park / parking lot, park, central reservation, large garden, cemetery | **Pavement**: none, open

CHARACTERISTICS

Crown shape: wide vase-shaped | **Crown structure**: semi-open | **Height**: 6 - 8 m | **Width**: 4 - 6 m | **Winter hardiness zone**: 6A - 8B

ASPECTS

Wind: slightly tolerant to wind | **Soil**: loess, sabulous clay, light clay, sand, loamy soil | **Nutrient level**: rich in nutrients | **Soil moisture level**: dry, moist | **Light requirements**: sun, partial shade | **pH range**: acidic, neutral, alkaline

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Flowers: striking, half filled, weakly scented | **Flower colour**: dark pink | **Flowering period**: April - May | **Leaf colour**: red-violet | **Leaves**: deciduous, ovate, polished, serrate | **Autumn colour**: orange-red | **Fruits**: no fruit | **Fruit colour**: black | **Bark colour**: grey-brown | **Bark**: slightly furrowed | **Twig colour**: brown | **Twigs**: bare | **Root system**: shallow, coarse roots

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