# Secret™ Rose

***Rosa 'Hilaroma'***

Height: 6 feet

Spread: 3 feet

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: 5

Group/Class: Hybrid Tea Rose



*Secret Rose flowers*
*Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder*



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**Description:**

Beautiful full cream blooms that are softly edged and splashed with pink are just the introduction to a pronounced and lovely scent that won't be 'secret' for long; this variety is also low maintenance, easy to grow and vigorous

**Ornamental Features**

Secret Rose features showy fragrant fully double creamy white flowers with shell pink overtones and pink spots at the ends of the branches from late spring to early fall. The flowers are excellent for cutting. It has dark green deciduous foliage. The glossy oval compound leaves do not develop any appreciable fall color. The fruits are showy red hips displayed from early to late fall.

**Landscape Attributes**

Secret Rose is a multi-stemmed deciduous shrub with an upright spreading habit of growth. Its average texture blends into the landscape, but can be balanced by one or two finer or coarser trees or shrubs for an effective composition.

This shrub will require occasional maintenance and upkeep, and is best pruned in late winter once the threat of extreme cold has passed. Gardeners should be aware of the following characteristic(s) that may warrant special consideration;

- Spiny

Secret Rose is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Mass Planting
- Hedges/Screening
- General Garden Use

**Planting & Growing**

Secret Rose will grow to be about 6 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 3 feet. It tends to fill out right to the ground and therefore doesn't necessarily require facer plants in front, and is suitable for planting under power lines. It grows at a fast rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 20 years.

This shrub should only be grown in full sunlight. It does best in average to evenly moist conditions, but will not tolerate standing water. It may require supplemental watering during periods of drought or extended heat. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This particular variety is an interspecific hybrid.