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Vanessa Optik Grape Verbena

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Vanessa™ Optik Grape Verbena

Verbena 'Vanessa Optik Grape'



Vanessa Optik Grape Verbena flowers
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Height: 12 inches

Spread: 20 inches

Spacing: 16 inches

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: (annual)

Other Names: Vervain

Group/Class: Vanessa Series

Description:

A showy variety producing vibrant flower clusters sitting on top of green foliage; a well branched habit makes it the ideal addition to hanging baskets, containers and garden beds; self cleaning; excellent powdery mildew resistance

Ornamental Features

Vanessa Optik Grape Verbena features showy clusters of purple star-shaped flowers with white centers at the ends of the stems from late spring to mid fall. Its small serrated pointy leaves remain green in colour throughout the season.

Landscape Attributes

Vanessa Optik Grape Verbena is an herbaceous annual with a mounded form. It brings an extremely fine and delicate texture to the garden composition and should be used to full effect.

This plant will require occasional maintenance and upkeep. Trim off the flower heads after they fade and die to encourage more blooms late into the season. Deer don't particularly care for this plant and will usually leave it alone in favor of tastier treats. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Vanessa Optik Grape Verbena is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- Border Edging
- General Garden Use
- Container Planting
- Hanging Baskets

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Planting & Growing

Vanessa Optik Grape Verbena will grow to be about 12 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 20 inches. When grown in masses or used as a bedding plant, individual plants should be spaced approximately 16 inches apart. Its foliage tends to remain dense right to the ground, not requiring facer plants in front. This fast-growing annual will normally live for one full growing season, needing replacement the following year.

This plant should only be grown in full sunlight. It does best in average to evenly moist conditions, but will not tolerate standing water. This plant does not require much in the way of fertilizing once established. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is highly tolerant of urban pollution and will even thrive in inner city environments. This particular variety is an interspecific hybrid. It can be propagated by cuttings; however, as a cultivated variety, be aware that it may be subject to certain restrictions or prohibitions on propagation.

Vanessa Optik Grape Verbena is a fine choice for the garden, but it is also a good selection for planting in outdoor containers and hanging baskets. It is often used as a 'filler' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination, providing a mass of flowers against which the 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.