

Adolphe Rousseau

(Desert & Mechin 1890)

Double flowers with intensely deep cardinal red petals that have a satin like texture. Yellow stamens peep discretely through the petals. This is a upright growing variety (90-95cm) with deep green foliage and red stems. It is one of the best peonies of this colour for all round garden performance. The flowers have a slight scent. Mid to late flowering; this is a classic Victorian peony with perfect garden charm.

£10.95



Albert Crousse

(Crousse 1893)

A classic peony that flowers profusely on strong stems with attractive foliage that colours well in autumn. Late flowering.

£12.99

JK: "Delicate shell-pink, a most attractive colour. Carmine flakes at centre. Globe-shaped flowers of medium size."

MP: "Very double lactiflora bearingfragrant, salmon-pink, globe-shaped flowers with flecks of carmine-red in the centre. The petals become progressively smaller towards the centre of the flower; those in the extreme centre are so tiny that they leave a depression in the middle of the bloom. The carpels are vestigial and the stamens absent. Very free flowering. Late season. 95cm."

[If the above is accurate ours may not be Albert Crousse? Stamens are very evident!]



Alice Harding

(Lemoine, 1922)

Sublimely elegant double peony from Monsieur Lemoine, who was also know for his breeding of Lilac Trees. A blend of blush pink guard petals and a creamy centre with a hint of yellow. Not often available. This can take a little more time to establish, but will develop into a beautiful garden plant. Mid season flowering and growing to a height of around 90cm.

£17.95

JK: "A lovely tint of palest amber on white ground, eventually turning wholly white. Very large and massive, but occasionally semi-double. Incurved centre. Delicately beautiful. Vigorous and tall."

MP: "Double lactiflora with rounded, flesh-pink guard petals surrounding a centre of incurved and irregular creamy white petals. Vigorous and reasonably free flowering, but a somewhat untidy flower. Sweetly fragrant... Lemoine considered this variety to have been his best introduction...Midseason." 1m h Fades in sun.



America

(Rudolph 1976)

A recent introduction from America, it's actually reckoned to be one of the best single red peonies yet introduced. The flowers are scarlet and very large with a bright yellow centre of short stamens. This peony is incredibly eye catching and being early flowering is one that you can not miss in the early border. Flowers mid to late May, growing to around 90cm in height.

£24.95 GM



Angel Cheeks

(C.Klehm)

Large and opulently blowsy blooms, which are clear pale pink, with large guard petals cupping a raised centre of fluffy petals. A row of pale yellow stamens form a middle ring towards the centre of the bloom. Mid season flowering, this peony is a shortie at around 70cm (28ins) and rarely needs staking. Fragrant.

£17.95

MP:"A delicately-coloured bomb-shaped peony with large, pale pink outer guard petals and a central raised mound of deep pink petaloids, which is surrounded by a collar of pale yellow petals. The flowers are slightly fragrant. Midseason. 70cm"

APS: 'Angel Cheeks' (Klehm, Carl G., 1970) Lactiflora Group, Pink Bomb, Mid late-season, 26", Mild fragrance. — A modest sized, heavily petaled, cool cameo pink bomb with slightly lighter pink, cupped guard petals. Blooms are radially symmetrical with hairline red striping on the extremities of the large, topmost petals and red markings on petals that lay just beneath. A band of ivory petals at the base of the bomb are smaller and more finely cut. As blooms mature, guard petals flare outward and the bomb develops a high-built center. A yellow cast deep within the bloom becomes apparent. Blooms transfigure during the blooming cycle, yet maintain an appealing form longer than that of many other bomb types (similarly, as a cut flower 'Angel Cheeks' exhibits tighter, more compact blooms when cut and allowed to develop indoors). Flower size is proportionate to plant stature, although judicious watering during summer months and long, temperate, wet springs will

produce much larger blooms. Sturdy stems keep flowers erect, but produce two or three side buds which can be removed for optimum display. While considered independently by two growers from the Northeast to be a most vigorous cultivar, in more southerly climes, increase is moderate, with six-year-old plants averaging 18 stems. Touted as disease resistant by its hybridizer. 2005 Gold Medalist.

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Arabian Prince

(Kelway)

[Location: in bed at East corner of Garden House]

MP: "Semi-double lactiflora with magenta-crimson flowers opening from maroon-purple buds. It has a small number of stamens in the centre with an additional ring surrounding the inner petals. The carpels are very small and creamy green with magenta styles. They may develop into carpelodes or be entirely absent. Free flowering. Late season. 1m"





Auguste Dessert

(Dessert, 1920)

One of the most distinctly coloured peonies. Large open cup shaped semi double flowers, which open a bright salmon rose with a silvered edge. The silvering increases as the flower ages. The stamens emerge from amongst the petals as the bloom opens fully. A beautiful and refined peony for the border or collection with bright foliage that gives consistently good autum colour. The flowers are lightly scented. A great all rounder growing to around 85cm. Mid to late flowering.

£16.99 (more on Kelways)

JK: "Bright salmon-rose, edged silver. Distinct colour, pretty buds."
MP: "very decorative...carpels sometimes develop into carpelodes...spicy fragrance." "Double or sometimes semi-double lactiflora with well rounded, deep-pink petals, edged by a narrow border of silver. Additional petals frow from the centre, surrounded by a ring of golden stamens. Free flowering with good autumn colouring. Late to midseason. 75cm"



Avalanche (syn Albâtre) (Crousse, 1886)

One of the very oldest of peonies, with large bomb shaped flowers of pure miky white. Really good form and a robust growing plant. Height to around 90cm. Mid season flowering.

£11.50

MP: "Double lactiflora with globe-shaped, blush-white flowers and a slightly pink centre. Some of its petals may be edged with carminered. Fragrant. Mid to late season. 90cm"



Baroness Schroeder

(Kelway, 1889)

One of James Kelways finest peonies bred way back in 1889. This is actually one of the finest of all peonies, and is praised all over the world as one of the best cut flower varieties (grown commercially). The flowers are globe shaped, and fully double. They open the faintest blush pink then quickly change to pure snow white, as the intense sweet fragrance develops. A later flowering peony growing to around 90cm.

£11.95

JK: "Pale flesh-white tinted cream, turning snow-white. Very large flowers, and handsome foliage. Rose scented. One of the most beautiful double whites for colour, shape and mass effect. The flowers last well and are even finer when cut and in water than in the garden."

MP: "Highly regarded double lactiflora with very large white, globe-shaped flowers, tinted slightly with pale flesh-pink. This pink colouration disappears as the petals open to leave a pure snow-white bloom. Vigorous and free flowering and good for cutting. Fragrant. Mid to late season. 90cm." "Still one of the best..."



Big Ben (Auten, 1943)

One of those big and "in your face" American hybrid peonies! The flowers are a deep fuschia pink, large dome shaped blooms with a crested top framed by a ring of larger horizontal petals. Highly scented, this is not a shy plant. Mid season Ht approx 90cm.

£10.95



Blaze

(Orville-Fay, 1973)

Yes, it really is this colour!

Impressive single blooms of brightest scarlet red, with glowing bright golden centres. The flowers are held on strong stems and sway gently in the slightest breeze. Mid season flowering this charming garden peony will grow to around 90cm.

£13.95

MP: "Single hybrid peony ("baravura" x "Bravura") with two to three rows of bright red petals and yellow stamens. Robust. Early season. 75cm"



Bowl of Beauty

(Hoogendoorn 1949)

This must be one of the most famous of all herbaceous peonies and deservedly so. Upright lemony cream, ribbon-like petaloids fill the large bowl shaped flower formed by the bright pink guard petals. A strikingly lovely fragrant peony for the flower border which will never disappoint. Mid to late flowering. Height approx 90cm.

£7.95

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Bowl of Cream

(Klehm, 1963)

Perhaps one to treat yourself to! Very large bowl shaped semi double flowers which are a gorgeous creamy white with a yellow hue to the central petals. This peony, is robust growing with bright green foliage and the blooms are very weather resistant despite their size. The flowers have the sweetest scent. Mid to late flowering. Height approx 90cm.

£24.95

MP: "Creamy-white, double lactiflora with bowl-shaped flowers, to 20cm across, and curly central petals. The outer petals are quite large; the inner smaller and hiding the bright yellow stamens. Carpels are light green with ivory-coloured stigmata. Dark green foliage. Midseason. 80cm"

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3 x **Buckeye Belle**. [in garden]

(Mains, 1956)

Deep blood red very early flowering semi double peony from the United States. Commands attention. The colour is as bold as some of the tulips and the golden stamens peek out from among the petals. Flowering will often be in the middle of May. May be as tall as 90cm, but rarely needs staking

£14.95

MP: "Unusual semi-double hybrid with extremely dark red, well-rounded guard petals, which appear much lighter in sunshine. They are slightly crinkled and surround a mass of unusual staminoides: some of the filaments are very broad and petal-like with pale-red ribbon-like filaments, a few are completely petaloid without any sign of anthers. The carpels are pale green and tomentose with red stigmata. Free flowering. Early season. 85cm"



Bunker Hill

(Hollis, 1906)

This is one of the very best fragrant peonies for cutting. Abundant, bright rosy red blooms, sometimes described as tyrian rose colour, are held on strong stems. The plants have a dense bushy habit with lustrous dark green foliage. Early to mid season. Medium height to around 90cm with a good upright habit.

£9.95



Catherine Fontijin

A classic double garden peony with large and broad blooms. The buds are really slow to open, teasing you with the promise of the wonderful sight to come. Once emerging, the blooms are the palest pink, and soon turn to pure white whilst retaining a hint of blush pink in the centre. There is an inner ring of short golden stamens around a small tuft of central petals. These beautiful flowers are sweetly scented and long lasting making them really good for putting in a vase. Mid season. Taller variety growing to approx 95cm.

£9.95



Charles Burgess

(Krekler, 1963)

This wonderful japanese style peony has deep burgundy petals and an inner ring of simarly coloured petaloids. Each one is edged in gold making a majestically vibrant plant. Strong stems means that staking is not usually necessary. A great statement plant. Mid season flowering and normally growing to about 90cm.

£27.95



Charlie's White

(C.Klehm, 1951)

Large bomb shaped flowers with broad guard petals surrounding a raised mound of smaller petals. The centre of the flower have a yellow tint giving a subtle golden glow. A vigorous peony with flowers produced on strong stems that rarely need staking. Sweet fragrance. Height around 80-90cm. Mid season flowering.

£11.95

MP: "Substantial, pure white bomb-shaped flowers..." Flowers at the same time as Monsieur Jules Elie. "Lactiflora with very large bomb-shaped, pure white flowers illuminated by a golden glow at the base of the petals. Vigorous and slightly fragrant, one of the best peonies for cutting. Early season. 120cm"



Claire de Lune

(White-Wild 1954)

This astonishing peony is a result of a cross between P.lactiflora and P.mlokosewitschi. The result is a peony hybrid producing single pale lemon blooms with a bright golden centre. Very early flowering usually in Early May. Broad green leaves making this plant instantly recognizable even when not in flower. A singularly beautiful peony which is quite slow growing but absolutely worth the wait. Height approx 85cm.

£26.95

MP: "Beautiful single hybrid (a very rare cross between P. lactiflora "Monsieur Jules Elie" and P. mlokosewitschi) with pale yellow, cupshaped flowers. Eleven to thirteen petals with slightly crinkled and well-rounded edges. The filaments and the anthers are bright yellow. Large tomentose carpels have a red line down the inner surface and cream stigmata. Two buds on each dark red stem. Slightly fragrant. Very early season. 80cm" Dr Earle White made 500 crosses very year for 8 years and, while several seeds germinated, only this one survived to maturity.



Coral Charm

(Wissing 1964)

The amazing colour changing peony! Semi double with many blooms held on strong stems. The buds open salmon pink and gradually change to orange and finally to yellow. This is a truly ravishing plant. These particular peonies thrive best in soils that are not too wet in the winter. Early flowering during May, before the tradtional lactiflora types. A medium grower attaining a height approx 90cm. Plant it where your neighbours will see it!

£10.95

MP: "incredibly beautiful" "Semi-double hybrid with deep coral-pink buds opening to very large coral-peach flowers. This variety has introduced an important new colour to hybrid peonies, but it is a bit too exotic for some tastes. Very vigorous. Early season. 90cm"

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Coral Sunset

(Wissing-Klehm, 1981)

Semi double blooms open a pink coral colour, then as they mature the colour changes to apricot and finally a soft yellow. With a mature plant holding flowers of all these shades simultaneously. This is one of the best of the best of all peonies and no collection is complete without it. Early flowering, during May. Medium height growing to approx 90cm.

£11.95

MP: "An unusual hybrid between "Minnie Shaylor" and "Otto Froebel, this has striking double apricot-coral flowers deepening to pink towards the petal edges. The colour ages to pale yellow. Early season. 80cm"

APS: 'Coral Sunset' (Wissing, 1965) Herbaceous Hybrid, Semi-double, Early, 32? — Big (five inches across x two and a half inches deep), durable, semi-double, cupped shaped, coral-rose flowers, that open wider and turn the color of parchment as they age. Individual flowers retain their form and stay viable decorative elements for an exceptionally long time in situ. With occasional side buds helping to prolong the flowering period, blooms at different stages of development will be present on a single plant. Stems emerge yellowgreen from the ground in the spring. Foliage is larger but less finely cut than that of 'Coral Charm' and remains attractive only when soil stays evenly moist throughout the season. It withstands late freezes in Arkansas (the freeze of 2007 being the exception), but may be injured in other regions where late freezes may be harsher or more untimely. Farther north, 'Coral Sunset' is reputed to survive severe winter cold down to -40° F. Increases slowly and matures to 18 stems on a ten-year-old plant. Mature roots are very long, with



many never deeper than a few inches. Propagate by division or adventitious root. 2003 Gold Medalist

Couronne D'Or

(Calot, 1873)

Very old french peony with charming white double blooms. The large flowers are glamorous white with a yellow hue towards the centre. Some of the petals are tipped and flecked with bright red. A sturdy grower producing a plentiful supply of fragrant blooms for cutting. Mid season flowering and growing to around 90cm in height.

£26.95

MP: "Vigorous double lactiflora with creamy white flowers. The central petals are pale pink, crinkled and slightly incurved and partially hiding a ring of bright yellow stamens. In the very centre is a tuft of short stamens and very small pale green carpels with ivory-coloured stigmata. Free flowering with a very strong, slightly unpleasant scent. Late season. Very tall, to 1.1m"



Dinner Plate (Klehm, 1968)

A glorious peony with enormous soft pink flowers. Maybe not quite "dinner plate" size though! The larger outer petals have a silky paler edge which cup the paler petals within. Yellow stamens peek through the central petals. Robust growing plants with thick strong stems. Late season

flowering and growing to around 90cm.

£19.95



Dr Alexander Fleming (Kelway?)

A beautiful hybrid between the famous peonies Bunker Hill and Sarah Bernhardt. Rounded blooms of deep apple blossom pink with a sweet scent. Freely produced side buds extend the flowering period so that this charming peony may still be in flower right at the end of June. It has a short dense bushy habit with good foliage and will grow to a height of approximately 90cm. This great garden plant is always one of our top 10 recommended peonies. £7.99

Rarely requires staking.

MP: "Fully double lactiflora, a cross between "Bunker Hill" and "Sarah Bernhardt", with deep pink flowers, fading slightly towards the edges. The central petals may be curled into a ball, even when the flower is mature. These inner petals alternate with rings of golden stamens. Some flowers may be semi-double with green carpels and purple styles. Fuchsia-purple buds. Sweet fragrance, attracts bees. Tall to 1.1m"



Duchesse de Nemours (2) (syn Mrs Gwyn Lewis) (Calot, 1856)

One of the oldest peonies, and certainly the most famous double white peony.

A full bloom with incurving petals of pure white that are lemony green at the base. Free flowering and highly scented. One of the earlier flowering cultivars so an excellent choice for prolonging the flowering season.

This is a shorter variety growing to approx 85cm making it a great choice for a windy garden. A popular garden variety that will never fail to deliver.

£8.95

JK: "Sulphur or light canary yellow to pure white. Green carpels. Medium-sized flower, sometimes large. Fine foliage. Extremely sweet scented. Useful as a cut flower."

MP: "...a very old cultivar but it is extremely beautiful...free-flowering, crown-shaped...attractive green foliage" "Double lactiflora whose creamywhite, globe-shaped flowers are strongly tinted with yellow at the petal bases. The outer petals are very large, smaller towards the centre and mixed with narrow petaloids. A ring of large upturned petals surrounds a core of extremely narrow petaloids. If present, the carpels are purple with magenta stigmata. Strong sweet scent. Widely available, makes a good cut flower. Midseason. 80cm"

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Elsa Sass

(Sass, 1933)

A marvellous double white peony which has won a prestigious Gold Medal from the American Peony Society. Quite a late flowering cultivar, which is great for cutting with the flowers borne on straight stems. Overall a shorter growing peony to around 80cm in height.

£24.95



Emma Klehm

(C.Klehm, 1951)

A fully double peony with large heather pink flowers which pale more quickly on the sunny side of the flower, but the colour remains through to the depths on the shady side. This is an extremely late flowering plant keeping going right until the end of June. A shorter growing peony to around 70-80cm in height.

£19.95



Felix Supreme

(Kriek, 1955)

Large, fully double flowers, ruby-red at center and more clear on petals edge. 90 cm. high. Excellent for cutting flower. Delightfully fragrant. Late flowering

Price bare-rooted: € 14,00 [direct to Italy from vivaiobuffa]

MP: "Fully double lactiflora, like a larger version of "Felix Crousse" with ruby-red flowers. Vigorous and strong-growing, an excellent cut flower. Midseason. 1m."



Gardenia

(Lins, 1955)

As its name suggests this lovely flower is one of the sweetest scented peonies. From pink tinged buds emerge large double flowers of a pure white, sometimes with the mere hint of a pink blush. Some of the centre petals have some pink flecks. Early to mid season. Height to approximately 85cms.

£18.95



General MacMahon

(Calot, 1867)

A classic nineteenth century peony from France. Deep solferino red, globe shaped double blooms. Excellent for cutting. The foliage is deep green and is distinctly ribbed. A later flowering peony often still flowering towards the end of June making it an essential plant to help prolong the peony season. Ht approx 90cm.

£9.95

JK: "Deep solferino-red. Globe shaped. Very large." Free flowering even as a young plant.



Germaine Bigot

(Dessert, 1902)

An exceptionally fine peony. The blooms open light rose pink with a distinct salmon hue. As the flower develops the crown rises and the centre petals become creamy white with occasional red flecking. Free flowering with good deep green foliage. The flowers can be huge on a well grown plant. Good foliage with excellent autumn colouring. Mid to late flowering. Medium height growing to around 85-90cm.

£28.95

JK: "Flesh-white shaded salmon colour, carmine flakes in centre. Very loose crown-type flower showing golden anthers. Spicy fragrance."

MP: "Semi-double lactiflora whose flowers open to flesh-pink with a hint of salmon and a paler centre. The colour fades in sunshine to creamy white with flecks of carmine red in the centre. Some of the carpels are developed into a tight bunch of petals, surrounded by a ring of semi-functional golden yellow stamens, while the others are white with magenta styles. Large, fragrant flowers on low growing plants. Mid to late season. 95cm."



Globe of Light

(Kelway, 1927)

Glorious Kelways own peony from 1927. Very majestic and large blooms of vivid pure rose with a pure golden centre of stamens, and bright green carpels. The flowers are held above the foliage and a mature plant in full bloom is a stunning sight. This cultivar has particularly good autumn coloration too. Mideason, growing to 90-95cm in height.

£39.95

JK: "Lovely vivid pure rose colour with an enormous pure gold centre. Large blooms with green carpels."

MP: "Japanese lactiflora whose vivid rose-pink petals fade to almost white at the edges. It has a good centre of golden yellow staminodes. And green carpels. Vigorous and free flowering. Mid to late season. 95cm"



Honey Gold

(Klehm)

Anemone flower with a cup of white petals surrounding honey petaloids; white petals often emerge from centre of flower. Scented flowers. Vigorous 90 cm high plants. Medium-late flowering.

Price bare-rooted: € 14,00 [direct to Italy from vivaiobuffa]

Wonderful blowsy blooms of creamy white with a large pale yellow centre with additional cream petals which grow out of the yellow centre forming a top layer. This form of flower is known as a "triple decker". The blooms are very sweetly scented and are good for cutting on strong stems, they have a prolonged life in water, a particularly robust cultivar which rarely needs staking. Midseason. Ht. 90cms. [£16.95]

MP: "Double lactiflora with creamy white guard petals surrounding a large mass of wavy, pale yellow stamenodes. The central stamenodes are larger, fading to creamy white at the edges, or developed into wavy, distorted, creamy white petals. The petals are notched at the tip. The carpels are very large, elongated and partially developed into carpelodes with pale reddish brown tips. A striking plant with side buds giving it a long flowering period. Fragrant. Midseason. 90cm."



Immaculée

(Van der Valk, 1953)

Big bomby blowsy white and scented! Well it's actually a lot more refined than that, but it is still rather spectacular. The flowers open with a pink hue which fades to pure white as the blooms mature. The flowers increase in volume considerably as the flower opens. A light sweet scent is an added treat. Mid-season flowering and growing to around 85cm in height, this is a thoroughly recommended garden peony. The picture shows a young immature bloom.

£10.95



Instituteur Doriat

(Doriat, 1925)

[This was amongst the original batch purchased but may have disappeared. To locate.]

A most magnificent and dominating peony in a hue of deep velvety maroon. The centre of the flower consists of a tuft of narrow petaloids which are forked at the ends and finely tipped with white. An extremely strong growing peony, soaring to over 100cm tall, often benefitting from some support, although it is usually fine unaided. Later flowering cultivar.

JK: "Velvety carmine edged white. Large and distinct."

MP: "A rather disappointing peony, for the buds hold a promise that is not fulfilled when the flowers open. The semi-double or double, slightly scented flowers have pinkish purple petals, which alternate with rings of golden yellow stamens. The inner petals are derived from stamens and have a yellow stripe, while others are partially functional. The upper petals become silvered in strong sunshine. Midseason. 75cm."



Inspecteur Lavergne (2)

(Doriat, 1924)

Globular flowers which are an intense crimson red with some frilled central petals. Often with white rims. Spicy fragrance. This classic peony has very long straight stems which gives excellent cutting qualities, the blooms lasting a long time in water. Fragrant and free flowering. Height approx 85cms.

£9.95

MP: "Widely grown...but I have to admit that I find it rather uninspiring..." "Very popular double lactiflora whose globe-shaped flowers have loosely-held bright crimson petals with paler edges. The guard petals are large and the central petals much smaller. The carpels may be developed into green carpelodes, which are flushed with magenta at the top. Fragrant. Mid to late midseason. 78cm."



James Kelway (Kelway, 1900)

One of James Kelway's finest achievements and a fitting epitaph to a remarkable man. Huge broad semi double blooms of pure milky white, with absolutley no pink but a distinct yellow tint in the centre of each flower. Each flower stem may have as many as 6 side buds, considerably prolonging the flowering period. This astonishing peony is exceptionally tall, and will always need staking... but my goodness, what a spectacle it is!

£32.50

JK: "Blush-white changing to milk-white with golden glow at centre. Very large flowers of exquisite quality and perfect form. Very fragrant. Especially useful as a cut flower. Vigorous and rather tall. Good foliage. Second only to Kelways Glorious for perfect beauty. Has been recorded as producing as many as sixty blooms to one plant." Can reach 5 ft tall. Staking essential.

MP: "Double lactiflora with very large blush-pink flowers streaked with magenta. The flowers fade to milky white with a golden glow in the heart of the bloom. Some of the inner guard petals are mixed with stamens, while the guard petals are folded downwards. The anthers and filaments are golden yellow, the carpels pale pink with deep pink stigmata. Vigorous and tall, with very fragrant flowers, good for cutting. Midseason. 1m"



Jan Van Leeuwen

(Van Leeuwen, 1928)

Japanese style flower. Large white outer guard petals cup a centre of narrow golden yellow petaloids, and the middle of the bloom has green carpels. The foliage is quite distinct with a ribbed effect of the leaves. This peony was one of the jewels in Tom Stuart Smiths garden at the 2008 Chelsea Flower Show, which was grown for the show by us! Mid season growing to about 90cm in height. Unusually, the emerging shoots on this peony are green rather than red making a lovely contrast.

£12.95

MP: Foliage suggests is a hybrid. "Popular Japanese lactiflora with pure white guard petals surrounding a small centre of narrow, golden yellow staminodes. Carpels pale green with light yellow stigmata. Fragrant. A highly recommended variety with nice foliage but rather small flowers. Midseason. 90cm"



Kansas

(Bigger, 1940)

This great peony is always one of our most popular. Large bomb shaped double flowers in a rich shade of fuchsia red. It is a good cutting variety with strong straight stems. Free flowering and with rich heady fragrance. A mid season variety. Medium height growing to around 90cm.

£9.95

MP: Retains colour in strong sunshine. "Distinctive double lactiflora with deep fuchsia-purple flowers. The outer petals are conspicuously marbled on the outside, easily distinguishing it from other double reds. Stamens are mixed with the inner petals throughout the flower. The carpels are very small and green with red stigmata. Vigorous with flowers held erect on strong stems. Midseason. 90cm"

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Karl Rosenfeld

(Rosenfield, 1908)

Very bright globe shaped flowers of crimson red. Free flowering on strong stems with fine foliage. A good garden variety which produces excellent blooms for cutting. Late. Ht. 85 cms.

£9.95

JK: "Purple red with petaloids. Good solid flower. Flowers on into July."

MP: "Double lactiflora with large globe-shaped bright crimson-red flowers. The inner petals are incurved and notched. Free flowering, a good cut flower. Mid to late season. 78cm"



Kelways Glorious

(Kelway, 1909)

Regarded by many as one of the best peonies ever bred. Although it takes a while to establish, it develops into a dense plant producing an abundance of very large bomb shaped double flowers. The blooms are white with some red streaking on the occasional outer petal, and have the most sensational scent. A really good variety for cutting. One of the later peonies to flower, growing to around 90cm in height.

£11.95

JK: "The finest of all double white peonies. Ravishingly lovely. Gleaming white with creamy glow in the depths. Crimson streaks outside the guard petals. Wonderful perfection of form; deep funnel-shaped centre of incurving petals with broad widely spread rings of surrounding petals, immense flower six to seven inches across. Strongly scented of roses. Plant of medium height of first rate habit with stout stems and dark green foliage. The flowers are freely produced and last well when cut. Blooms every year on every stem." Does however need time to establish.

MP: "Generally considered to be one of the best double white lactifloras, this has large creamy white flowers and a creamy yellow centre. The outer petals are soft, very large and turned downwards. Further large petals in the centre are turned upwards and surround a tuft of erect, very narrow petaloids. A few semi-functional stamens remain in the extreme heart of the flower, together with green carpels and purple stigmata. Some of the petals are streaked with carmine-red. Strong scent of roses, very free flowering. Mid to late season. 1m."



Kelways Lovely?

(Kelways)

[This name is on the original purchase list but the variety isn't currently pictured so can't cross check identity. This does quite look like the illustration in Page's book. Kelways Lovely Lady is a different cultivar.]



Kelways Majestic

(Kelways)

[Location: in bank at West side of Garden House]

Imperial, cherry rose with silvery centre, early to very late, autumn colour.

JK: "Deep vivid cherry-red guard petals with a mass of long narrow ochre-yellow inner petals turning lilac and variously silvered or gilded. Very large." [This description better matches the photo below!]

MP: "Japanese lactiflora producing magenta-pink guard petals surrounding a large mass of long narrow stamenodes. There are yellow at the base, fading to creamy yellow with pink stripes towards the broader middle and with pointy purple tips. Carpels are pale green with purple styles. Relatively long flowering period. Fragrant with good autumn colour. Midseason. 1m"



Kelways Orpen

(syn Orpen) (Kelways)

[Location: in bank at West side of Garden House]

Imperial, smoky red with purple/fawn centre, tall.

Kelways Scented Rose

(Kelways)

[Location: under roses in border of Garden House.]

Double, lilac and rose touched with silver, flowers on into July.

MP: "Double, lilac-rose flowers with silvered petals. Very long flowering period, free flowering and very fragrant. Mid to very late season. 90cm." Coarse foliage.



Lady Alexandra Duff

(Kelway, 1902)

This is one of Kelways finest introductions. Very large double blooms with rose pink guard petals and an inner raised crown of paler flesh pink to cream petals. The side flowers which are freely produced tend to be more semi-double. The blooms have the most alluring fragrance. Mid season flowering, and growing to a medium height of about 90cm. This is the one to beat!

£11.95

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Laura Dessert

(Dessert, 1913)

One of the great French cultivars. Large and elegant flowers of creamy yellow. Seductively fragrant, this beautiful peony will bring eternal pleasure every year. Mid season. Height to around 90cms.

£16.50

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Longfellow

(Brand, 1907)

A sought after crimson peony because it will not usually fade. A large full bomb shaped bloom with, yellow stamens that creep out form within the petals. Good strong stems make this a dependable peony for cutting. Slightly spicy fragrance. A mid season flowering peony which will get to about 85cm in height.

£29.95



Madame Furtado

(Guerin, 1856)

One of the oldest cultivars still around. Broad cup shaped guard petals of shrimp pink with an inner centre or similarly coloured petals which are silvered at the tips. A mid season flowering peony with a light scent that will grow to around 85cm in height.

£14.95



Many Happy Returns

(Hollingsworth, 1986)

A really fantastic new peony, which will ultimately become a popular commercial cut flower as propagation increases. Large bomb shaped flowers of a rich warm red. The stems are thick and long, and the blooms last a long time in water. This peony would make a wonderful gift for a good friend. Early to mid season flowering, height to approximately 90cm.

£24.95

MP: "Anemone form hybrid ("Good cheer" x "Nippon Splendour") with large rounded guard petals. Cardinal-red flowers have no stamens; they are replaced by similarly coloured petaloids. Three pale green carpels with tapered pink stigmata. Deeply dissected undulating foliage. Retains its colour well in bright sunlight. Strong stems, slight scent. Midseason. 75cm."

APS: 'Many Happy Returns' (Hollingsworth, 1986) Herbaceous Hybrid, Early mid-season, Medium height, no scent — A medium-sized bomb of warm, near spectral red, accented with occasional, yellow flecks on the edges of its outermost petaloides. Prolific bloomer and fast increaser with many medium thick, erect stems produced on mature plants. Blooms easily on immature plantlets as well, though blooms may take the form of less transformed anemones. Wavy leaflets are pronouncedly so and give foliage an especially fresh and crisp appearance at bloom time. Foliage benefits from high, afternoon shade in the Midwest, where it can remain attractive until mid-summer. Foliage dies back naturally to the crown under conditions of heat and low soil moisture. Survived a severe late freeze in 2007 that destroyed 98% of buds, blooming most admirably at 75% capacity. This was an exceptional performance



under very disappointing circumstances. Vigorous and healthy. Propagate by division with excellent increase; readily roots adventitiously. Gold Medalist 2007

Marie Lemoine

(Calot, 1869)

A classic nineteenth century peony which is still adored 140 years later. Large globe shaped flowers of soft creamy white. Similar to Duchesse de Nemours, but possibly a little more yellow in the centre of the bloom. The sweetly scented flowers are particularly good for cutting. A later flowering variety which is also shorter growing to 85cm so it rarely needs staking.

£14.95

JK: "White, cream at centre. Very large, sweetly scented."

MP: "Elegant...reminiscent of a lemon meringue pie..." "Double white lactiflora with globe-shaped white flowers tinted lemon yellow. The yellow stamens and staminodes are hidden by the petals but add further yellow colouring to the flower. Sweetly fragrant. A few of the petals may have flecks of red. Very large flowers. Late season. 78cm."



Miss America

(Mann-van-Steen, 1936)

This truly marvellous semi-double peony opens blush pink and turns white as the flower matures. There remains a yellow glow at the base of the petals. With strong stems and a strong sweet fragrance, this is one of the best of all garden peonies. Midseason flowering this peony elegantly forms a bushy plant up to about 90cm in height.

£16.50

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Monsieur Jules Elie

(Crousse, 1888)

Price bare-rooted: € 12,00 [direct to Italy from vivaiobuffa]

Always one of the most popular garden peonies. Light lavender pink fragrant flowers with large outer petals and a raised centre that varies in colour and shape as the bloom develops. Distinct broad green foliage which is a particularly bright shade of green. This is one of the last peonies to flower, so it is very useful in extending the peony season. A shorter variety growing to approx 80cm. As it is lax growing and has very heavy flowers it benefits from staking even though it is a shorter variety. [£8.95]

JK: "Light lavender-pink with silvery sheen changing to near white. Huge ball-shaped flower with very large outside petals. Varies in colour and shape as it matures. Useful for cut flowers. Very fragrant."

MP: "...still one of the best available...bomb-shaped..." "Very large double, crown-form lactiflora with large rose-pink guard petals, surrounding a raised mass of smaller incurved petals. These inner petals have a pale line running down the centre. Stamens are absent and the carpels are developed into narrow, twisted, yellow or pink petals. Fragrant, good cut flower but has rather weak stems. Retains its colour well in bright sunshine. Justifiably one of the most popular peonies, it is known as "Fuji" in Japan. Early to midseason. 1.1m"

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Monsieur Martin Cahuzac

(Desert 1899)

A very deep red semi double to fully double peony with bright golden stamens. Some say the deepest of all red peonies! A really handsome

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flowerif only we knew who Martin Cahuzac was! Free flowering once established, the blooms are held aloft the foliage and have a richy spicy scent. Mid season flowering and growing to around 90cm in height.
£12.95
JK: "Dark maroon-crimson with blackish sheen; a fine colour. Incurved semi-rose type, showing gold anthers." Difficult to find and takes a while to establish.

Peonies – bare root autumn 2014 [80 cultivars] [some yet to be added to spreadsheet/need fuller descriptions]



Moonrise

(Saunders, 1949)

Moonrise is a Saunders hybrid derived from a cross between lactiflora and peregrina. Unusually this produced a peony with single pale yellow flowers which are delightfully fragrant. The foliage is pale green in the style of peregrina. A marvellous and sturdy garden peony which will provide many years of pleasure. An early flowering plant and shorter in stature to just around 70cm, Highly recommended.

£29.95



Mothers Choice

(Glasscock, 1950)

Mothers Choice is one of the best of all peonies for cutting. Very large creamy white flowers, occasionally a few petals will have some red streaks. The blooms are wonderfully fragrant and are very long lasting. The plants themselves have glossy green leaves and strong stems that rarely need staking. Late flowering cultivar which grows to approximately 90cm in height.

£11.95

MP: "Fully double lactiflora producing pure white flowers with a slightly warmer centre. White stamens and green carpels. Vigorous, with well held blooms on erect stems. Midseason. 90cm."

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Mr G F Hemerik

(Van Leeuwen, 1930)

Barbie pink...and proud of it!

Lipstick pink petals with a bright centre of saffron yellow petaloids. The dark glossy leaves are distinctly ribbed. This is a fine and late flowering growing to 90cms. A wonderful garden plant with some of the best foliage of any peony.

£10.95

MP: "Japanese-form flower with magenta-rose guard petals and a centre of creamy yellow crinkled stamenodes. These staminodes continue to grow as the flower ages and develop wavy pink tips. This variety is difficult to mistake as its leaves have distinctive crinkled margins. The carpels are very large, pale green with pink edged petaloid stigmata. Slightly fragrant. Late season. 75cm"



Mrs Franklin Delano Roosevelt

(Franklin 1932):

Large double flowers; the pale rose petals are shaped as a cup and they tend to fade into white when in full sun. Strong scent. Medium-late flowering, 90 cm high, vigorous plant. Gold medal from the American Peony Society in 1948.

Price bare-rooted: € 14,00 [direct to Italy from vivaiobuffa]

MP: One of MP's favourites. "Fully double lactiflora...The carpelodes are yellow at their base..." "At first sight the flowers appear single with a tight ball of petals in the centre. The ball gradually unfurls like a large pink water-lily to form a very beautiful double flower with rose pink petals, becoming paler in the centre. The colour fades to almost white in strong sunshine. It is fragrant, very floriferous and the strong stems make it an excellent cut flower...Midseason. 85cm"

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Nice Gal

(Krekler 1965):

Semidouble flowers, deep cerise-pink, many narrow petals create a nice contrast with the yellow centre. A good grower, form a dense compact bush, very floriferous. Low sized plants, about 60 cm. shoots emerge from soil red and leaves are dark green. Fragrant, mid season flowering.

Price bare-rooted: € 14,00 [direct to Italy from vivaiobuffa]

MP: "Very striking semi-double with numerous symmetrical wavy, deep cerise-pink petals and a small centre of golden stamens. The petals have an occasional white stripe down the centre and have silvered edges. Carpels are absent and developed into carpelodes. Compact with dark green leaves, free flowering, fragrant. Late season. 55cm"

APS: 'Nice Gal' (Krekler, 1965) Lactiflora Group Mid-season, 25?, Mild fragrance — Blooms are symmetrical, rosy pink and silver-frosted, semidoubles on medium thick, red stems. Nice Gal's substantial blooms are somewhat flat, allowing for excellent drainage. Blooms are large proportionally to the plant's height and nestle just atop bushy, color intense green foliage. This rose and green color combination is as huesaturated as any other lactiflora in the garden. Multiple side buds bloom soon after primary buds contributing to a blanket of color. Withstands seasonal wind and rain well. Mature foliage is shiny and crisp, covering well down to the ground and persisting until fall. Early spring foliage emerges from the ground as a striking bi-tone, with leaves green on the topside and maroon underneath. Vigorous. Establishes itself quickly, with a five year old plant possessing two dozen stems and a 12-year-old plant possessing 30 stems. A consistent and reliable bloomer at the southernmost limits of "peonydom", if provided with ample water, summer mulch and a shady

site. Superior yield when divided every four years.



Nymphe

(Dessert, 1913)

Pretty flowers of apple blossom pink which are delightfully fragrant. A free flowering peony which quickly forms a sturdy plant smothered with blooms. This is a later flowering variety which does particularly well in a shady part of the garden. Medium height growing to approximately 90cm.

£9.95

JK: "Lively flesh-pink, golden centre. Large flowers." Good autumn colour.

MP: "elegant" "Pretty single lactiflora that produces cup-shaped, flesh-pink flowers. The stamens form a tight ball in the centre of the bloom and have yellow filaments; the carpels are green with magenta stigmata. Fragrant. Late season. 65cm."



Paul M Wild

(Wild, 1964)

One of the great commercially grown cut flower cultivars. Large rich melon red flowers which are fully double. This is a robust growing plant which rarely needs staking. The blooms are very long lasting in water and have a light scent. Midseason. Ht. 95cms.

£11.95

MP: Colour makes it unlikely this is a pure lactiflora. Superb cut flower. "Fully double lactiflora with large, vivid ruby-red flowers. It has large rounded guard petals and no stamens or carpels; they are replaced with numerous small petals in the centre of the flower. Very beautiful, retains its colour for a long time. Midseason. 95cm"



Paula Fay

(Fay 1968)

F2 hybrid of 'Bravura' (P. lactiflora x P. peregrina):

The incredibly bright pink semi-double flowers are very large and lasting. Medium height and vigorous plant. Gold medal from the American Peony Society in 1988. 80 cm high. Early flowering

Price bare-rooted: € 18,00 [direct to Italy from vivaiobuffa]

MP: "Semi-double, F2 hybrid with striking vivid pink flowers. When the flowers first open, the petals are crinkled; they have a rather waxy texture and a large whote blotch at their base. The stamen anthers and filaments are yellow; the carpels green with salmon pink stigmata. Light green foliage with nicely rounded leaflets. Vigorous, fragrant flowers. Early season. 88cm"

GM



Peter Brand

(Seit 1937)

A really sumptuous peony and one of the best in this hue. Deep ruby red double flowers that become more purple as they mature. Dark and lustrous foliage which adopts rich tints in the autumn. The flowers are held on strong stems, and are excellent for cutting. This is a taller growing variety to 90cm but is robust and rarely needs staking. Mid season flowering over a long period.

£21.95

JK: "Fine deep shining red."

MP: "a tall fully double lactiflora with deep ruby red flowers, which become more purple with age. The inner petals are deeply divided with almost spoon-shaped tips. Yellow stamens are scattered throughout the flower; their filaments are yellow at the top and reddish towards the base. Young flowers have a soft satiny texture, with slight fragrance. The foliage develops good autumn colour. Midseason 95cm."



Phillipe Rivoire

(Riviere 1911).

An exceptional peony for its unique coloration. Medium sized double blooms of deep amaranthine purple with a black sheen. The flowers are scented like the finest tea rose. A compact growing plant growing to around 85cms. Very late flowering and one of our favourites.

£39.95

JK: "Deep amaranthine purple or maroon red with black sheen. Fine form. Medium size. The only red peony with a tea rose scent. Medium height. Good foliage." Not the largest individual flowers but one of the most distinct and forms a good garden plant.

MP: "Fully doubt lactiflora with incurved satiny petals of dark crimson-red, occasionally almost black. Free flowering, with a scent of roses. Cup-shaped flowers held on wiry stems. Late season. 75cm"



Pillow Talk

(Klehm 1973):

Very full and large double flowers, with glossy pale-pink petals. This vigorous plant is one of the best among the double flower variety. Strong stems. 80-90 cm high. Late flowering.

Price bare-rooted: € 14,00 [direct to Italy from vivaiobuffa]

(Klehm 1973). Blowsy, voluminous and over the top and everything a peony should be! Large creamy pink double blooms with a heady fragrance. Great for cutting and the winner of many awards. Midseason flowering and growing to a height of around 90cm. [£15.95]

MP: "Double lactiflora with rose-pink petals, the colour deepest at the tips. The outer petals surround a ring of pale yellow staminodes, inside which is a ring of pink petals. The carpels have been reduced to a small number of tiny yellow petals. A very full and fluffy rose-shaped flower. Strong stems. Midseason. 80cm"

GM



Pink Hawaiian Coral

(Klehm, 1981)

A most beautiful peony with semi double flowers of bright coral pink, with yellow in the depths of the middle. Free flowering and vigorous, it is an easily grown garden peony. Early flowering, so a great plant to extend the season, and growing to around 90cm in height.

£16.95



Prairie Moon

(Fay 1959)

'Laura Magnusson' x 'Archangel'

the very large single or semi-double flower are ivory colored and cupshaped when closed. 90 cm high plant with clear green leaves. Early flowering.

Price bare-rooted: € 18,00 [direct to Italy from vivaiobuffa]

(Fay 1959). A particularly lovely single yellow peony with a bright yellow stamens and green carpels. An early flowering plant, and perhaps even a rivial to P.mlokosewitchi! Flowering at around 75cm in height, this is one to admire [£22.95]

MP: "translucent petals" "Without any doubt this is one of the most beautiful hybrid peonies. The singe to semi-double pale yellow flowers have a good centre of yellow stamens and the green carpels have creamy white stigmata. The result of a cross between "Archangel" and "Laura Magnuson". Early season. 80cm"



Primevère

(Lemoine 1907)

[bought potted up last year]

JK: "Blush-white with bright lemon-yellow petaloid centre which changes to milk white. When young, second only to Laura Dessert for yellowness. Sweetly scented." Also has good autumn colour.

MP: "Anemone-type lactiflora producing blush-white flowers with a lemonyellow petaloid centre, changing to ivory white with age. Free flowering, very fragrant. Midseason. 88cm"



Red Charm

(Glasscock, 1944)

Fantastic hybrid between P.lactiflora and P.officinalis resulting in a sturdy plant with really deep blood red flowers. They have large cup shaped guard petals and a centre of simarly coloured petaloids. A very early flowering peony, useful for stretching the season. Grows to about 90cms in height. Its rather like a highly refined version of the endearing Cottage Garden Peony but without the floppy habit!

£14.95

MP: "Double hybrid (P. lactiflora x P. officinalis "Rubra Plena") with deep red, ruffled petals. The guard petals are large, enclosing numerous narrow petals surmounted by a crown of broader petaloids. Stamens are completely absent; the carpels are large, green with almost non-existent stigmata. Long flowering period. Very early season. 90cm"

GM



Red King

[Location: near red rose in border of Garden House.]

Single, blood red with yellow centres.



Reine Hortense (syn President Taft) (Calot 1857)

One of the oldest peonies in cultivation and still one of the most endearing. Sensational flowers of the palest rose pink; the colour is incredibly uniform and is minutely splashed on a white underlay. The centre of the flower is prominently flecked with crimson. This a very good peony for cutting, the fragrant blooms lasting for ages in a vase. Quite late flowering, this peony which grows to approx 85cm and should be part of any collection.

£12.95

JK: "Pale pink splashed crimson. Large compact flowers."

MP: "One of the oldest peonies in cultivation..." "Very beautiful double lactiflora whose globe-shaped flowers have enlarged guard petals. The flowers are pale pink with patches of crimson along the edges of the uppermost petals. The bloom fades to white in strong sunshine. The carpels are developed into small white petals, surrounded by a small ring of short golden stamens; further stamens are scattered throughout the flower. Free flowering with good fragrance and grey-green foliage, makes a good cut flower. Midseason, 83cm"



Sante Fe (Auten 1937)

A highly unusual cultivar of Japanese origins. Mauve pink guard petals cup an inner centre of white petaloids. A most striking and colourful combination. Early to midseason flowering, this is a really good garden plant. Height to approximately 90cms.

£14.95



Shirley Temple

(unknown)

Superlative in every way!

This has to be one of the best of all peonies for the garden. Huge fragrant double flowers opening a beautiful pale blush pink and soon changing to purest white. An outstanding variety for cutting, the plants have a solid upright habit with firm stems and good foliage which colors well in the autumn. Later flowering. Grows to approx 90cm in height.

£8.95



Soft Salmon Saucer

(Cousins / Klehm 1981):

single to semi-double clear salmon-pink and cup-shaped flowers, petals of a good substance. A vigorous and fast grower early flowering plant. 80-90 cm height.

Price bare-rooted: € 18,00 [direct to Italy from vivaiobuffa]



Solange

(Lemoine, 1907)

Large full double of creamy white with a suffusion of pale salmon pink in the depths of the flower. These gorgeous scented blooms are very long lasting. The foliage is good with dark and strong stems. Good autumn colour. A later flowering peony growing to about 90cm.

£10.95



Top Brass (Klehm, 1968)

Beautiful large blowsy full double blooms. Broad ivory white guard petals with a similar coloured explosion of inner petals with some canary yellow coloration. An immensely good doer in the garden and excellent for cutting. Midseason. Ht. 90cms.

£12.95



Victoire de la Marne

(Desert 1915)

Lustrous deep double peony with medium sized blooms of deep maroon red, atop dark and stems and foliage. This is a later flowering peony growing to a height of around 90cm.

£9.95



Vogue

(Hoogendoorn, 1949)

An extremely beautiful, large double bloom of excellent form and clarity. The flowers open the merest blush pink, and then pale to pure white. Some yellow stamens poke through from the depths of the centre. Gorgeously scented too. Takes a while to establish, but then all the best things in life always will! Mid season flowering, height around 85cm.

£13.95



White Cap

(Winchell 1956)

This has to be one of the most unique of all the japanese style peonies. Bright beetroot coloured guard petals cup a centre of buff coloured petaloids, which fade to white as the flowers open wide. This startling peony is mid season flowering and will grow to a height of around 85cm.

£29.95

MP: "one of the most striking Japanese form lactifloras" "Striking and rather expensive Japanese lactiflora with beetroot-red guard petals contrasting strongly with the creamy-white stamenodes. These staminodes fade to white with a hint of pink at the base; they are broad and toothes at the tip. The carpels are pale green with creamy yellow stigmata. Midseason. 80cm"

GM



White Wings (2) (Hoogendoorn 1949)

The most famous single white peony and one that seems to do well in a shady position. Fine large white single flowers with a bright golden centre. Lightly fragrant. Always much admired when in bloom. Midseason. Shorter variety 85cm approx.

£10.95

MP: "Single lactiflora with fluted petals surrounding a nice boss of deep yellow stamens with short filaments. The buds open with purple streaks on the outside, quickly fading to pure white. The petal margins are slightly serrated. The carpels are very pale green with magenta stigmata. Red stems, slightly fragrant. Late season. 83cm."