

## Nomenclature—Rose Classes

The grouping of roses into classes has largely been left to the discretion of the rose breeders, though in the past century the American Rose Society has helped to determine how to classify new introductions. Needless to say, the system has its flaws. Our major concern in assembling this catalogue has been to make sense for the average gardener of a vast array of hybrids. It is our belief that the classification system should serve the gardener in being able to recognize similarities. We have tried to follow the essential system of classification as it is utilized in *Modern Roses 10*, the standard reference book of roses. Most of the classes we assign to the roses in our entries include, in parentheses, the class designated that variety by *Modern Roses 10*, where we give a different class. For example, the roses commonly familiar to gardeners as Ramblers are divided by *Modern Roses 10* into half a dozen classes, most of which refer to a species parent of the variety. All of them we class as Ramblers (R), which we follow with the abbreviation of class given in *Modern Roses 10*; e.g., ADÉLAÏDE D'ORLÉANS, R (HSem) = Rambler (Hybrid Sempervirens).

### Classes of Roses

Alba	A	Hybrid Noisette	HN
Ayrshire	Ayr	Hybrid Nutkana	HNut
Bourbon	B	Hybrid Perpetual	HP
Bourbon-Noisette	BN	Hybrid Perpetual Climber	HPCl
Bourbon Climber	BCl	Hybrid Rugosa	HRg
Banksia	Banks	Hybrid Sempervirens	HSem
Boursault	Bslt	Hybrid Setigera	HSet
Centifolia	C	Hybrid Tea	HT
China	Ch	Hybrid Tea Climber	HTCl
China Climber	ChCl	Kordesii	K
Damask	D	Large-Flowered Climber	LCl
Damask Perpetual (Portland)	P	Miniature	Min
Eglantine	E	Miniature Climber	MinCl
Floribunda	Fl	Miscellaneous	Misc
Floribunda Climber	FlCl	Moss	M
Gallica	G	Noisette	N
Grandiflora	Gr	Polyantha	Pol
Hybrid Blanda	HBlanda	Polyantha Climber	PolCl
Hybrid Bourbon	HB	Rambler	R
Hybrid Bracteata	HBc	Shrub	S
Hybrid Canina	HCan	Shrub (Austin Rose)	S/Aus
Hybrid China	HCh	Species	Sp
Hybrid Gallica	HG	Species Hybrid	Spx
Hybrid Laevigata	HLaev	Tea	T
Hybrid Moyesii	HMoy	Tea Climber	TCl
Hybrid Multiflora	HMult	Tea-Noisette	TN
Hybrid Musk	HM		

### Mystery Roses and Misnamed Roses

Many of the roses we offer are foundlings for which we do not know the original names. Their study names, names that have been given them ordinarily by their discoverer, we place in quotes to distinguish them from roses that are assumed to be correctly named. You will also find in the place of a date for those varieties the word “found,” or “unknown.”

So many old roses have enjoyed renewed circulation in the past ten to fifteen years that we often come across roses that are wrongly identified. Because these roses are widely known by their incorrect names, we offer them as they have come to us, placing their names in quotes, again to distinguish them from roses we believe correctly named.

