

### Damask-Modern Fragrance

This fragrance is inherited from the Damask-Classic and is characterized by a strong, passionate but refined fragrance. It is believed that the quality of the fragrance differs from the Damask-Classic as its balance of ingredients is dissimilar to the Damask-Classic. Compare and enjoy the various fragrances.



Papa Meilland

### Damask Fragrance and Tea Fragrance

Unlike other flowers, the rose fragrance is not a single fragrance. For roses, there are more than 540 aromatic components that may be present in a variety of complex combinations. Modern roses were developed over time through artificial breeding using original or hybrid species from Europe and the Orient to create roses with a variety of colours, bloom forms, and bush types. It is widely known that repeat-flowering was a characteristic borrowed from Oriental roses as European roses were all traditionally once-blooming. Similarly, the tea-fragrance of Oriental roses has been mixed with the damask fragrance of European roses typically used in perfumes, to create a diverse range of fragrances. These fragrances can be divided into seven distinct fragrance types.

### Myrrh (Anise) Fragrance

Myrrh (Anise) fragrance has an herby anise-like scent which incorporates the sweetness of anise along with a stronger grassy green scent. It blends well with tea fragrance and is a common feature of English roses.



Ambridge Rose



Dainty Bess

### Spicy Fragrance

This fragrance is based on the Damask-Classic. However, it is characterized by slightly strong, spicy fragrances such as clove.

### The Echigo Hillside Park Rose Garden

The Rose Garden has been created with the theme of "a fragrant three-dimensional vista rose hill-and is mainly composed of Climbers" and can be viewed as a three-dimensional fan shape. The garden was also planned, to enable the enjoyment of the comfortable fragrance of roses, and six kinds of roses which are mainly the rich all seasonal kind, were planted in blocks. The garden was opened on May 24, 2003. This rose garden was transferred from the Hokuriku Seisakusho Company (located in Shimogejo, Nagaoka City) after having closed its original rose garden in June 2001. Nagaoka City Office received many requests from those who hoped for the continuation of the roses and the City Office worked for the creation of the garden in Echigo Hillside Park. You can relax and enjoy the rich fragrance of the roses.

### The International Fragrant Roses Trial

Through the process of hybridization the rose fragrance had started to disappear, so we began the International Fragrant Rose Trials in 2005 to encourage appreciation of the beauty of fragrant roses, and to further develop the fragrant rose garden at Echigo Hillside Park. Outstanding award-winning roses continue to be grown in the park. We predict that someday soon a world-famous fragrant rose will be discovered at Echigo Hillside Park.



Fragrant hill, double winner of the Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism Award in the 1st International Fragrant Rose Trials

### Fragrant Rose Festivals

We adjust the pruning schedule of the repeat-flowering roses to enable us to hold two Fragrant Rose Festivals a year which coincide with the spring and autumn flowering seasons. The festivals include a variety of fun events including craft activities and interesting seminars.



### Blooming season

Spring	End of May	Middle of June
Autumn	Beginning of October	Beginning of November

\*Flowering time varies by season. Flowering information is provided on our homepage or by telephone.

### Enquiry

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800 varieties 2,400 rose bushes

### English



## Fragrant Rose Garden

Garden Guide



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ECHIGO HILLSIDE PARK  
JAPAN

### Damask-Classic Fragrance

A rose fragrance that is well known must be this classical fragrance. It has a strong, bright and full-bodied fragrance and lifts the heart. There are unexpectedly only a few model varieties of modern roses, and the Tea and fruity fragrances tend to slightly stand out.



Hojun

### The Fragrant Rose Garden at Echigo Hillside Park is setting the "standard" with seven distinct fragrance zones.

Based on a chemical analysis of the aromatic components, together with a sensory evaluation performed by smelling the scent, rose fragrances can largely be divided into seven different fragrance types. Each area or corner in our Fragrant Rose Garden is therefore arranged according to these fragrance types. By grouping together varieties that typify each of the seven fragrance types, our visitors are able to smell and appreciate each fragrance while gaining an understanding of what the "standard" is for each fragrance type. You can find examples of varieties that are typical of each of the seven fragrances in this guidebook.

### Tea Fragrance

This fragrance contains a special ingredient that is completely different from the fragrance of Damasks. It is only moderately fragrant but is refined and elegant. It is the most common variety of modern rose and although there are some individual difference, Hybrid Tea Roses include an ingredient of this fragrance type.



Lady Hillingdon

### Fruity Fragrance

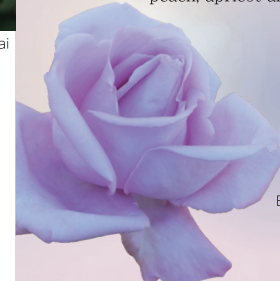
This fragrance contains many Damasks and Damask-strains and exhibits the characteristic of balancing the Tea ingredients which coexist in the fragrance. The fragrance creates the image of fresh fruits such as peach, apricot and apple.



Double Delight

### Blue Fragrance

Most blue roses which have blue coloured petals have this type of fragrance. This fragrance consists mainly of the Damask-Modern and Tea ingredients and forms a unique fragrance.



Blue Moon



# A rose-scented paradise Fragrant Rose Garden

The Rose Garden at Echigo Hillside Park is a feast of beautiful hues and shapes. However, the real allure of our garden lies in its intoxicating fragrance.

The garden is divided into seven main areas, the "Fragrance Area," the "Colour Area," and the "Rose Hall of Fame Area" which all largely feature modern roses, the "Area for Wild Japanese Roses" which features native Japanese rose species, the "Area for Old Species: Old Roses" which shows the genealogy of old roses, the "Rose and Flower Area" which incorporates antique-style modern roses, and finally "The International Fragrant Rose New Variety Contest Trial Ground."

Please take your time to fully enjoy the charm and beauty of our rose garden.

## How to smell a rose

- Hold the rose by the stem to smell it. The smell of your hand will transfer to the rose if you touch it, so please try not to touch the petals.
- Don't sniff the rose, instead gently inhale the scent.
- Exhale away from the rose. If you breathe on to the rose, the odour of your breath will linger.
- Inhale the scent up to three times and then describe the fragrance. If you smell the rose more than that, your nose will become accustomed to the scent and you won't be able to discern the fragrance.

## Colour Area

This area is located just beyond the bus stop giving you your first sight of the park. White coloured roses which have names associated with snow and white representing the key word "Snow" of the Echigo Region can be seen here. The gradation of orange, yellow, red and pink colours can be enjoyed in each area.



## "Area for Wild Japanese Roses"

The number of the variety of wild roses changes depending on the interpretation of the term [wild], but Japan is said to have more than 14 varieties among 100 to 200 varieties that exist around the world. This means that one tenth of the world's wild rose varieties are native to Japan. Wild roses unique to Japan are grown in this area.

## Fragrance Area

With the philosophy that the 'Beauty of the rose lies in its fragrance' as our theme, we selected modern repeat-flowering rose varieties with a full-bodied fragrance, and planted them in 6 groups according to their fragrance type.



## "Area for Old Species: Old Roses"

Old roses before the creation of the modern roses are planted by groups. Enjoy the elegant and gentle presence of old roses.



## "The international Fragrant Rose New Variety Contest Trial Ground"

The International Fragrant Rose New Variety Contest will be held on the theme of reinstating fragrant roses. The contest aims to award rose varieties of distinction by judging them particularly on their fragrance. Every year, new rose varieties created by breeders from Japan and worldwide are invited to enter for a trial production in Echigo Hillside Park in a snowy cold region. Roses that will be known world-over for their fragrance are sure to be produced from this Echigo Hillside Park in the future.

## Rose and Flower Area

This garden area is a delight throughout the year, especially for its fragrance! In this area perennials have been planted alongside carefully matched roses. All plants in this area have been selected for their ability to withstand Echigo's snowy winters. This garden offers ideas and inspiration for the home gardener. The roses in this area are antique-style modern roses, a blend of the characteristics of modern repeat-flowering roses and the lovely soft delicate look of old roses.

