

## The 13<sup>th</sup> International Fragrant Rose Trial in Echigo Hillside Park, Nagaoka, Japan Details of the result

The International Fragrant Rose Trials is held every year by inviting applications of new fragrant roses from rose breeders not only in Japan but all around the world. All the applied nursery plants are planted and brought up for two years under exactly the same condition in the snowy and cold region of Japan. Then, examination session is held twice every spring and autumn by the Judging Committee comprising of experts of roses and fragrances to decide the award winning varieties.

The winning prizes are Gold Award, Silver Award and Bronze Award each for the specified four criteria. In addition, as special awards, Minister of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism Award is presented to the highest score winner among the Gold Award Winners, Niigata Prefectural Governor's Award is presented to the highest score winner in the fragrance section among the winners of Gold, Silver and Bronze Awards, and Nagaoka City Mayor's Award is presented to the most popular variety among the general guests to the park.



*Mademoiselle Meilland*



*Red Shadow*



*Marlis*



*Deep Bordeaux*

### << Prize Winner Details and Judges' Comments >>

#### **Judging Committee Chairman :**

#### **Yoshihiro Ueda (Visiting Professor, Gifu International Academy of Horticulture)**

We received a total of 55 entries in the 13th International Fragrant Rose Trials, with 14 HTs entries, 14 F entries, 23 S entries, and 4 entries in the Min category. There was an unusually large number of shrub entries this year.

As well as experiencing an early thaw, the roses also experienced abnormally high temperatures and low rain from mid-July to mid-August, followed by a large amount of rain. These conditions gave rise to a significant amount of disease in Autumn. Due to these harsh conditions, we were only able to award a bronze, a silver and a gold in the HTs and S categories, and a silver and bronze in the F category. This year the Nagaoka City Mayor's Award was awarded to a rose selected from the F category.

*Mademoiselle Meilland* was the Gold Award winner in the HTs category and the recipient of the Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism Award. It has a pleasingly fragranced salmon pink, loose, large cup bloom with excellent balance between flowers and foliage.

*Red Shadow*, Gold Award winner in the S category, is a strongly fragranced variety with reddish stems and crimson buds that become deep pink rosette blooms on flowering.

*Marlis*, winner of the Niigata Prefectural Governor's Award is a HTs variety. It has pale pink flowers that transition from a classic high-centered, Hybrid Tea bloom form to an open-cupped bloom. It received top marks for both fragrance quality and strength.

*Fragrance Persica*, Silver Award winner in the F category, has colorful blooms that change from orange to light yellow and pink with red blotches. It is a very vigorous variety that flowers well.

Winner of the Nagaoka City Mayor's Award, *Deep Bordeaux*, is a F variety. It has an eye-catching gorgeous appearance with an abundance of rosette blooms that transition from bright scarlet to magenta.

**Judging Committee Deputy Chairman : Yuji Ichikawa (Perfumer)**

We received a total of 55 entries from Japan and overseas for the 13th International Fragrant Rose Trials. Although there was not much snow during winter, the climate was still particularly harsh on the trial roses this year with very low temperatures in early spring and typhoons in autumn. Due to these conditions, we were not able to present as many awards as we would usually. We presented two Gold Awards, three Silver Awards, and three Bronze Awards, to a total of eight prizewinning varieties across the four categories.

*Mademoiselle Meilland* was awarded the Gold Award in the HTs category and winner of the Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism Award for the highest overall score. It has a modern damask fragrance described as a “soft damask fragrance with a blend of tea and spicy anise with fruity notes of peach and apple.”

The winner of the Niigata Prefectural Governor's Award for the highest fragrance score and a Bronze Award was another HTs variety, *Marlis*. It has a modern damask fragrance described as an “expansive damask fragrance with fruity notes of peach and apricot finely balanced with the fresh scent of young green leaves.”

*Red Shadow* was the Gold Award winner in the S category. It has a modern damask fragrance described as “a familiar damask fragrance with the sweetness of honey blended with fruity notes of peach, apple and apricot.”

This year gold awards were not awarded to any roses in the F or Min categories.

*Deep Bordeaux* won a Bronze Award in the F category and the Nagaoka City Mayor's Award which is chosen by popular vote by visitors to the park. It has a tea fragrance described as “an elegant tea fragrance that marries fruity notes of green apple and peach with the spicy scent of cloves.”

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## Category : HTs, Grandifloras

**Gold Award**

**Special prize : Minister of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism Award**

Entry No.12

Variety : *Mademoiselle Meilland* (MEINOSTAIR)

Breeder : Meilland International - France

Flower : Salmon pink, loose, large-cup blooms on single stems. As flowering progresses blooms sometimes become quartered. Excellent balance between flowers and fresh foliage.

Fragrance type : Damask-Modern

A soft damask fragrance with a blend of tea and spicy anise with fruity notes of peach and apple.



## **Silver Award**

Entry No.6

Variety : Child Apricot

Breeder : Koji Ueno - Japan

Flower : Apricot yellow, single stemmed, round cup blooms.

Fragrance type : Tea

A calming tea fragrance with the distinctive and expansive fruity notes of green apple.



## **Bronze Award**

**Special prize :Niigata Prefectural Governor's Award**

Entry No.18

Variety : Marlis™ Renaissance® Poulren030®

Breeder : Poulsen Roser A/S - Denmark

Flower : Pale pink flowers that transition from a classic high-centered, Hybrid Tea bloom form to an open-cupped bloom. The blooms change color slightly over time and retain their elegance until the end of flowering. The contrast between the pale blooms and the dark foliage is strikingly beautiful.

Fragrance type : Damask-Modern

An expansive damask fragrance with fruity notes of peach and apricot finely balanced with the fresh scent of young green leaves.





## Category : F

### **Silver Award**

Entry No.30

Variety : Fragrance Persica

Breeder : Kazuzo Tagashira - Japan

Flower : A novel bloom that changes color all the time from orange buds on flowering to pale yellow and pink. Even the heart of the rose changes color. A semi-double flat bloom with glamorous wavy petals.

Fragrance type : Tea

A distinctive tea fragrance with the sweetness of honey blended with a spicy anise scent.



### **Bronze Award**

#### **Special prize : Nagaoka City Mayor's Award**

Entry No.20

Variety : Deep Bordeaux (KORELAMBA)

Breeder : W. KORDES' SÖHNE Rosenschulen Gmbh & Co KG - Germany

Flower : Blooms a vivid scarlet then takes on a bluish tinge to become a magenta colored bloom. Rosette blooms. An eye-catching rose that flowers prolifically with well-balanced distribution.

Fragrance type : Tea

An elegant tea fragrance that marries fruity notes of green apple and peach with the spicy scent of cloves.



## Category : S

### Gold Award

Entry No.43

Variety : Red Shadow

Breeder : Hiroshi Mochizuki

Flower : Crimson buds that become deep pink rosette blooms on flowering.

Fragrance type : Damask-Modern

A familiar damask fragrance with the sweetness of honey blended with fruity notes of peach, apple and apricot.



### Silver Award

Entry No.34

Variety : Creed

Breeder : Takunori Kimura - Japan

Flower : A cup bloom with charming notched petals and soft pink tinges on white.

Fragrance type : Damask-Modern

An expansive damask fragrance with fruity notes of apple and pear finely blended with a honey-like sweetness and refreshing accents of hyacinth green.





**Bronze Award**

Entry No.48

Variety : Charme

Breeder : Junko Kawamoto - Japan

Flower : Light purple with soft closely packed blooms.

Fragrance type : Myrrh

A relaxing myrrh fragrance blending the three distinctive scents of anise, hyacinth green and green apple.



Applied roses for the 13<sup>th</sup> trial



# The 13<sup>th</sup> International Fragrant Rose Trial in Echigo Hillside Park, Nagaoka, Japan (Echigo-IFRT)

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## ◆Guidelines for Applications

1. Eligibility for Applications : Breeders both professional and amateur, in Japan and overseas.
2. Acceptable Rose Varieties:
  - (1) Varieties that have never been on the market within or outside Japan, or varieties that were first made available for sale on or after January 1, 2014.
  - (2) Categories of Acceptable Rose Varieties:
    - Part 1: Large-flowered Roses (HTs, Grandifloras)
    - Part 2: Floribunda Roses (F) (to be the family of "cluster-flowered roses")
    - Part 3: Shrubs(S)
    - Part 4: Miniature Roses, Mini-floras, Patio Roses, and Polyanthas(Min)Climbers are excluded from any of the above categories.
  - (3) The Number of Entries: Limited to a total of four varieties per single breeder.
  - (4) The Number of Trees per Variety:  
For each variety, three 2-to-3-year-old bare-root trees, either budded, grafted, or self-rooted.
3. Entry Fee : Free of charge

## ◆The Periods of Judging: June and October, 2019

## ◆Judging and Commendation:

Chairman: Yoshihiro Ueda (Visiting Professor, Gifu International Academy of Horticulture)  
Deputy: Yuji Ichikawa (Perfumer)  
Naoki Ishikawa (President of Niigata Rose Society)  
Naoharu Watanabe (Professor Emeritus, Shizuoka University)  
Yuki Mikanagi (Curator of Herbarium, Natural History Museum and Institute, Chiba)  
Hideko Ishiguro (Rose researcher / Director of Ishiguro Music Academy)  
Minobu Maekawa (Garden Designer)  
Naomi Okubo (Leader, Quality Control Unit at Institute of Vegetable and Floriculture Science, NARO)  
Junko Nagano (Takasago International Corporation Fragrance Creation Center Senior Perfumer)  
Johji Nishio (WFRS International Judges Committee / President of Machida Rose Society)  
Yushi Terazima (Perfumer)  
Eiji Yoshida (Director of Echigo Hillside National Government Park Office)

## ◆Prizes: Gold, Silver, and Bronze Award for each category.

## ◆Special prizes: Minister of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism Award (Top Award)

Niigata Prefectural Governor's Award

Nagaoka City Mayor's Award

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◇Breeders : 29 breeders

◇The number of varieties : 55 varieties (HTs-14, F-14, S-23, Min-4)

◇Participating nation : Japan, Denmark, France, Germany, U.K.