

# Ritchie

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### Gene Boerner Rose

*Rosa 'Gene Boerner'*

Height: 4 feet

Spread: 3 feet

Sunlight: ○ ●

Hardiness Zone: 6b

Group/Class: Floribunda Rose

#### Description:

A profuse bloomer, producing nicely pointed, radiant pink flowers that are lightly fragrant; well suited for landscaping, and containers; an exciting addition to the garden or patio

#### Ornamental Features

Gene Boerner Rose features showy lightly-scented double pink flowers with gold eyes at the ends of the branches from late spring to early fall. The flowers are excellent for cutting. It has light green deciduous foliage. The glossy oval compound leaves do not develop any appreciable fall colour.

#### Landscape Attributes

Gene Boerner Rose is a multi-stemmed deciduous shrub with an upright spreading habit of growth. Its average texture blends into the landscape, but can be balanced by one or two finer or coarser trees or shrubs for an effective composition.

This shrub will require occasional maintenance and upkeep, and is best pruned in late winter once the threat of extreme cold has passed. It is a good choice for attracting bees to your yard. Gardeners should be aware of the following characteristic(s) that may warrant special consideration;

- Spiny

Gene Boerner Rose is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- Hedges/Screening
- General Garden Use
- Container Planting



*Gene Boerner Rose flowers*  
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### **Planting & Growing**

Gene Boerner Rose will grow to be about 4 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 3 feet. It tends to fill out right to the ground and therefore doesn't necessarily require facer plants in front. It grows at a fast rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 30 years.

This shrub does best in full sun to partial shade. It does best in average to evenly moist conditions, but will not tolerate standing water. 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.

Gene Boerner Rose makes a fine choice for the outdoor landscape, but it is also well-suited for use in outdoor pots and containers. With its upright habit of growth, it is best suited for use as a 'thriller' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination; plant it near the center of the pot, surrounded by smaller plants and those that spill over the edges. It is even sizeable enough that it can be grown alone in a suitable container. Note that when grown in a container, it may not perform exactly as indicated on the tag - this is to be expected. Also note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden. Be aware that in our climate, most plants cannot be expected to survive the winter if left in containers outdoors, and this plant is no exception. Contact our experts for more information on how to protect it over the winter months.

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