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Star® Roses and Plants Wins Three Awards from the American Garden Rose Selections[™] Testing Program

The American Garden Rose Selections[™] (AGRS) testing program is the successor organization to All American Rose Selections.

West Grove, PA – <u>Star® Roses and Plants</u>, a leading genetics company involved directly in breeding roses, edibles, perennials and woody plants, is excited to announce it won three awards from the <u>American Garden Rose Selections</u>[™] (AGRS) testing program—the successor organization to All American Rose Selections. AGRS[™] recognizes roses that are easy to care for, disease-resistant and suitable for different regions of the country.



Star® Roses and Plants winners are as follows:

Look-A-Likes® BougainFeelYa, a regional winner in five regions: South Central, Southwest, Northwest, North Central and Northeast.

Tequila Gold[™], a regional winner in four regions: South Central, Southwest, Northwest and North Central.

Tequila Supreme[™], a regional winner in three regions: South Central, Southwest and Northwest.

All three roses were bred by Meilland® International.

"We're honored to receive these awards," says **Jacques Ferare**, Rose Program and License Department Director at Star® Roses and Plants. "We're fortunate to work with the best breeders in the world, which allows us to introduce high-performing, superior roses."

All roses entered into the AGRS[™] are tested for two years in six different geographical regions, each containing two test gardens. Additional characteristics that are evaluated include: vigor, foliage proportion, plant habit, flowering effect, rebloom habit, bloom form, aging quality of blooms, fragrance, and hardiness. In order for a variety to be granted an award, it must average at least 80 out of 100 points in at least three regions.

To learn more about Star® Roses and Plants introductions, visit <u>starrosesandplants.com</u>. To learn more about the American Garden Rose Selections[™], visit <u>americangardenroseselections.com</u>.

About Star Roses and Plants

From the Peace rose to the revolutionary Knock Out® and Drift® roses, Star® Roses and Plants is a leading genetics company involved directly in breeding roses, edibles, perennials and woody plants, and introducing plants from other breeders around the world. Star® Roses and Plants is a wholly owned subsidiary of Ball® Horticultural Company. For more information,

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