

Portlands Dominate !!

(Varieties in **Boldface** are Damask Perpetuals/Portlands)

OGR Awards 1991-1998

Top Ten Dowagers *

*(Varieties reclassified as Species Removed From Totals)

Variety	Number	%
Sombreuil	106	19.41%
Marchesa Boccella	82	15.02%
Baronne Prevost	79	14.47%
Green Rose	66	12.09%
Souvenir de la Malmaison	52	9.52%
Mme. Hardy	39	7.14%
Charles de Mills	38	6.96%
Salet	32	5.86%
Celsiana	27	4.95%
Louise Odier	25	4.58%
	546	100.00%

Top Ten Victorians

Variety	Number	%
Rose de Rescht	155	35.88%
Paul Neyron	94	21.76%
Mme. Isaac Pereire	35	8.10%
La Reine Victoria	33	7.64%
Pink Pet	31	7.18%
Ferdinand Pichard	23	5.32%
Mermaid	18	4.17%
Fantin-Latour	15	3.47%
Mrs. John Laing	15	3.47%
Frau Karl Druschki	13	3.01%
	432	100.00%

Top Ten Old Garden Roses

Rose de Rescht	155	20.78%
Sombreuil	106	14.21%
Paul Neyron	94	12.60%
Marchesa Boccella	82	10.99%
Baronne Prevost	79	10.59%
Green Rose	66	8.85%
Souvenir de la Malmaison	52	6.97%
Mme. Hardy	39	5.23%
Charles de Mills	38	5.09%
Mme. Isaac Pereire	35	4.69%
	746	100.00%

Portland Percentage of above List 31.77%

Damask Perpetuals versus Hybrid Perpetuals –a Few Remarks

Damask Perpetuals (also called "Portlands"; but, strictly speaking, "Portlands" are only a section of Damask Perpetuals showing Gallica influence) and Hybrid Perpetuals grade into each other to a great degree because the latter were originally developments from the former--"Hybrid Perpetuals" originally meant "Hybrid Damask Perpetuals"--and so there will be exceptions and resemblances such that what we're left with is ragged edges of categories...as usual in Rosedom!

But, typically, in appearance Damask Perpetuals will be compact, neat, leafy, bushes with slender to medium prickly canes bearing at their tips medium-sized flowers which tend to nestle a bit among the leaves and which often come in few-flowered clusters; typically, the buds will be roundish and the flowers won't unfurl spirally like we anticipate in modern roses but will expand radially. By Comparison, a typical Hybrid Perpetual will have by the end of the season rather thick and elongated thorny canes which--especially by the end of the season--may well be rather gaunt or at least not very leafy, bearing at their tips large flowers which project beyond the foliage; the buds will be more pointed, and will usually show spiral expansion to a greater or lesser degree.

One further note:

Something which people don't take much notice of is the fact that the Mossy Remontants are for the most part simply vaguely mossy Damask Perpetuals. Representatives of this group are Salet, Soupert et Notting, Madame Platz, and James Veitch.