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Skagit Horticulture Adds Brindabella Roses

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Suntory Flowers has licensed rose and perennial grower Skagit Horticulture of Mount Vernon, Washington, to produce Brindabella Roses. In addition to expanding supply geographically, this will be the first time Brindabella is offered to the North American market as bareroot. Plants will be available in 72-cell liners and bareroot forms through an exclusive distribution partnership with McHutchison and Vaughan's Horticulture.

Adding a rose specialist like Skagit Horticulture will expand supply to both meet and drive demand.

Pictured: Brindabella Purple Prince Rose.

"We have been getting requests for bareroot since we introduced Brindabella in 2018," said T Jay Higgins, General Manager of Suntory Flowers. "With Skagit's decades of experience and a great reputation for high-quality bareroot and liners, we could not be happier to welcome them to the Brindabella team. This will be a great opportunity for nursery growers to book Brindabella with an established and trusted source."

Brindabella Roses debuted in North America in 2018 through a partnership between Suntory Flowers, Sun-Fire Nurseries and Dig Plant Company, which represents the breeders, John and Sylvia Gray in Australia.

Brindabella Roses are bred for large, fully-petaled flowers; dense, bushy growth habit; and disease resistance to black spot and powdery mildew. The roses have demonstrated winter hardiness. Brindabella Purple Prince has earned two awards for landscape performance from national rose trialing organizations.

Brindabella Roses are available through Sun-Fire Nurseries in Sarasota, Florida; First Step Greenhouses in Temecula, California; and now Skagit Horticulture in Mount Vernon, Washington.

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