

Black Magic Mad About Mangave®



A real conversation starter! This unique plant dazzles onlookers with its flat foliage with near black foliage. We love them most in containers.

Mangave 'Black Magic' PPAF

- ***Use:*** Mangave is a relatively new phenomenon, an intergeneric cross of Manfreda x Agave. These rare hybrids combine the best of both worlds: the better growth rate and the interesting patterns of Manfreda, and the habit and refinement of Agave. We are very excited (shall we say mad?) about these hybrids. An easily recognizable variety that you can identify by its near back leaves. The long, flat, lance-shaped leaves are so heavily spotted that they appear to solid black. In containers, this leaf tips of this succulent will arch downward. Beautiful in both mono and combo containers.
- ***Exposure/Soil:*** Grows best in full sun. Plant in well-drained, dry to average soil in containers just slightly wider than the width of the rosette or plant directly in the ground. In summer when the plants are actively growing, they appreciate a bit of supplemental watering and half-strength fertilizer. They should be grown dry in winter. Mangave is a slower grower, so it will not quickly overtake the space it is allotted in the landscape.
- ***Growth:*** Grows 8-10" tall and 20-24" wide and can expand further.
- ***Hardiness:*** Zone 9-11; Annual that can be brought indoors as Winter Houseplant (May be perennial, but not yet tested in our area, but would need to be in almost pure sand/ rock) Good drainage in rocky soil is a must for good winter drainage. Bring indoors in winter and keep above 60 degrees with high light as a houseplant for safest bet until we know more about their cold hardiness in our area.
- ***Foliage:*** Deciduous (Evergreen if indoors in winter). The long, flat, lance-shaped leaves are so heavily spotted that they appear to solid black. In containers, this leaf tips of this succulent will arch downward. Give it plenty of UV light to get the richest black color.
- ***Flower:*** After several years of growth, a plant can send up a bloom stalk up to 7.0' high of branching, yellow inflorescences. Most Mangave are monocarpic and produce only one bloom in their lifetime. They can, however, produce new offsets or "pups" that will live on after the mother plant dies.

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