

Racing Stripes Mad About Mangave



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Native to North America.**



Mangave 'Mad About Racing Stripes'

- **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. Like the name implies, this succulent's notable feature is its central band of lighter green to complement its dark green margins.
- **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 14-18" tall and 22-28" wide and can expand further.
- **Hardiness:** Zone 9-11; Annual, but still untested in our area and may be perennial. 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 leaves are stiff but arch down slightly. Although 'Center of Attention', 'Racing Stripes', and 'Shadow Waltz' share the feature of a central stripe, they are all from different species of *Agave* and grow very differently. 'Racing Stripes' is the largest and most commanding of the current Mangaves with stripes.
- **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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