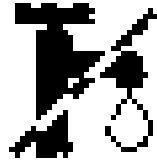


# Wine Spritzer Beautyberry



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**Excellent summer-winter  
color for your garden.**



## ***Callicarpa 'Shiji Murasaki'***

- **Use:** spectacular new variegated beautyberry with dazzling leaves that are heavily speckled and splashed with green and cream on wine-colored stems. Beautyberry has rough or coarse leaves and rough stems similar to its close relative Lantana, also in the Verbenaceae Family. In the case of Wine Spritzer™ the large leaves are almost white with green speckles and are the ornamental feature of this new introduction. The leaves look like they have been heavily painted or “spritzed” and in autumn the cream and green leaves turn yellow and green. Upright habit makes this a space-saver compared to more conventional beautyberry varieties, too. Deer resistant, Drought tolerant.
- **Exposure/Soil:** Sun or part shade, but light shade is best for berry set. Moist soil; prefers ample water in hot dry locations.
- **Growth:** Grows 5-6' tall and 3-4' wide. If overgrown prune 18" tall; will regain height in one season.
- **Hardiness:** Zone 5-8; Shrub
- **Foliage:** Deciduous; The variegated foliage carries the full burden of beauty and interest, and it does it very well indeed.
- **Flower:** White flowers from June until August. Flowers on new growth.
- **Fruit:** Slender branches arch gracefully on this Asian beauty and in summer tiny, pollen-laden, pink to pale-lavender flowers appear in the axils of the opposite leaves, appealing to butterflies and bees. Wine Spritzer™ is not a prolific bloomer or fruit setter. When berries do appear, they persist as a late-season fruiting food source for birds after other berries are gone. Mature berries are not damaged by frost.

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