

# Grape Soda Camellia



## *Camellia japonica* 'Grape Soda'

- **Use:** Grape Soda Camellia, a Nuccio's Nurseries introduction, is a moderately vigorous plant developing into an upright to rounded medium to large evergreen shrub with a slightly open habit. The sensational blossoms can be used as a corsage or floated in a bowl of water to add beauty to any room.
- **Exposure:** Prefers sheltered site, prefers morning sun and a little bit of shade from afternoon sun, and any well drained neutral/acid soil.
- **Growth:** Moderate growing to 8 to 12 ft. tall and wide, and 6-8 feet wide at the base. Prune only right after flowering to avoid cutting out following year's buds (they set flowers 9 months in advance).
- **Hardiness:** Zone 7b-9; Shrub
- **Foliage:** Evergreen. Glossy dark green, ovate leaves with finely serrated edges.
- **Flower:** The 2.5-4" single flowers on this cultivar can approach lavender-red or lavender as the bloom fades. Flower color tends to be the most purple where soils are strongly acidic and this seems to be fairly common for purple flowered Camellias. Prune only right after blooms fade.

Consider creating a Camellia hedge that is evergreen, shade tolerant, winter blooming, tolerates heat and humidity well!



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