Kramer's Beauty Camellia



Fragrant!
Tolerates heat and humidity well!

Camellia japonica 'Kramer's Beauty'

- <u>Use:</u> Flowers make a dazzling contrast with the glossy, dark green foliage. Common uses in landscape include hedges, shady foundation beds, cutting garden, woodland garden, mixed borders, privacy screen, specimen, container, or as cut flowers.
- Exposure: Prefers sheltered site, morning sun and afternoon shade, and any well drained neutral/acid soil. Camellias grow best in partial shade -- they do not like late afternoon sun and frost in early morning and sun can cause flowers to fade faster so midday sun or filtered all day is best. Red blooming cultivars are more sun tolerant then white or pink flowering cultivars. In the winter camellias need protection from direct sun and drying winds. A planting site under tall pine trees or on the north or west side of a building is ideal. Plants grown in full sun may develop leaf scorch. Its best to not fertilize the first growing season and over fertilization causes plant to be less compact.
- **Growth:** Moderate growing to 6 to 8 ft. tall and wide, larger with age.
- Hardiness: Zone 6-9; Shrub
- <u>Foliage</u>: Vigorous, compact, upright, evergreen shrub, valued for small pale green foliage.
- <u>Flower:</u> Magnificent, bright red, peony form bloom features a delightful fragrance. Blooms from December through March. <u>Prune only right after blooms fade.</u>