

Romeo Cleyera japonica



Compact Habit

Disease / Pest Resistance

Heat Tolerance

Returns Year After Year

Winter / Fall Foliage Color

Year-Round Interest

Ternstroemia gymnanthera 'Romeo'

- **Use:** Add unique texture to the landscape with this rounded compact evergreen shrub that offers uniquely attractive tri-colored variegated foliage. The lustrous leaves are beautiful butter yellow and dark green variegation with wider margins; plus, its new growth is orange pink, and the leaves mature to an orange pink to red hue in fall. Disease and pest resistant and heat tolerant, Romeo is stunning as an accent plant or as a hedge.
- **Exposure/Soil:** *Full to partial sun*. Prefers well-draining soil and appreciates slow release fertilizer. Water when top 3 in of soil is dry.
- **Growth:** Moderate grower to 8 to 10 ft. tall and 5 to 6 ft wide. Easily kept shorter however with pruning.
- **Hardiness:** *Zone 7-10*; Shrub or Houseplant. We recommend you plant them on a protected wall away from extreme winter cold to prevent leaf burn in winter. We have had ours for 5 years, however, with no problems!
- **Foliage:** Evergreen; Attractive, buttery-golden variegation in spring and summer; rose-colored variegation in fall and winter
- **Flowers:** Not known for flowers. There may be fragrant, small, creamy-white flowers appear in loose clusters at the ends of the branches or from the joint between the leaves and the stems in late spring or early summer. Flowers may be followed by fruit.

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