

Merlot Redbud



Lovely pink spring flowers in early spring.

Cersis canadensis x 'Merlot'

- **Use:** Perfect for smaller landscapes, this phenomenal hybrid with lustrous, dark purple leaves. Foliage is similar to Forest Pansy, but with Texas Redbud in its genes, 'Merlot' offers excellent drought tolerance and thicker, glossier leaves that stand up to summer heat. Plant as a small specimen tree or in groups where the wine-red foliage will add dramatic color and contrast. Use as a focal point in shrub or mixed perennial borders. A wonderful understory planting, placed in the foreground of larger trees and shrubs. Spot near water gardens or ponds to add pleasing texture and color.
- **Exposure/Soil:** Full to part sun. Soil should be well-drained. Acidic soil is preferred, though it can tolerate a wide variety of soils. As long as it is properly established, it is moderately drought tolerant.
- **Growth:** Reaches 12 to 15 ft. tall and wide, Rounded, tight, dense, semi-upright habit.
- **Hardiness:** Zone 6-9; Small Tree
- **Foliage:** Deciduous. New growth emerges deep purple and matures to a burgundy color before transitioning to green in late summer and then and then turning yellow as they begin to senesce in the fall.
- **Flower:** Stunning tiny lavender-pink flower clusters cover the entire tree in early spring before many other trees bloom.

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