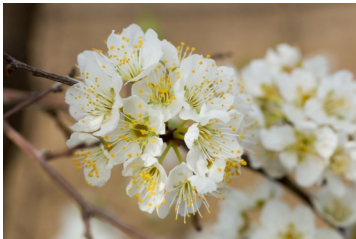


AU Rosa Plum Tree



AU Rosa is a heavy-cropping and self-fertile red plum, related to the popular Santa Rosa but with better disease resistance.



Picking season: Mid
Self-fertility: Self-fertile
Pollination group: 1

***Prunus salicina* 'AU Rosa'**

- **Use:** A robust, self-pollinating cultivar developed by researchers at Alabama's Auburn University. Displays superior disease resistance and high fruit yields. The plums are firm, sweet and ripen early in the season. A high-chill plum, needing at least 700 chill hours. However it is well-suited to growing in warmer climates with hot or humid summers. Great handout from UGA available online.
- **Exposure/Soil:** Full to part sun. Soil should be well-drained. Acidic soil is preferred, though it can tolerate a wide variety of soils. They are not drought-tolerant, so proper watering is a must.
- **Growth:** Grows 15-25' tall and wide. Plums require minimal pruning which should be done after flowering when the tree is still leafless. In the formative years, pruning can be to remove interior branches, water sprouts, growing scaffold branches, and dead, damaged, or diseased wood. In maturity, vigorous upright shoots are removed as fruiting increasingly occurs on spurs on older wood. Japanese plums do best when trained to an open center and need thinning for proper fruit development.
- **Hardiness:** Zone 5-9; Tree
- **Foliage:** Deciduous. Dark green leaves.
- **Flower:** A Santa Rosa style Japanese plum with a bright red skin and golden yellow flesh. Produces fresh fruit for a delicious and nutritious snack. The perfect addition to any fresh fruit tray. 90 days flower to fruit.

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