

Mad About Mangave Cherry Chocolate Chip Mangave



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Mangave 'Cherry Chocolate Chip'

Height: 8 inches

Spread: 30 inches

Sunlight: ☉

Hardiness Zone: 8a

Other Names: Manfreda x Agave

Group/Class: Mad About Mangave Collection



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Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Description:

This selection produces low growing rosettes of long, green leaves with chocolate spots, edged with creamy white, wavy margins and speckled with cherry red; best colors in full sun; grown primarily for foliage; must have good drainage

Ornamental Features

Mad About Mangave Cherry Chocolate Chip Mangave is primarily valued in the garden for its cascading habit of growth. Its attractive large serrated sword-like leaves remain dark green in colour with distinctive creamy white edges throughout the season.

Landscape Attributes

Mad About Mangave Cherry Chocolate Chip Mangave is an herbaceous perennial with a shapely form and gracefully arching foliage. Its wonderfully bold, coarse texture can be very effective in a balanced garden composition.

This is a relatively low maintenance plant, and is best cleaned up in early spring before it resumes active growth for the season. Deer don't particularly care for this plant and will usually leave it alone in favor of tastier treats. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Mad About Mangave Cherry Chocolate Chip Mangave is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- Rock/Alpine Gardens
- General Garden Use
- Container Planting

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Planting & Growing

Mad About Mangave Cherry Chocolate Chip Mangave will grow to be about 8 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 30 inches. It grows at a fast rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 5 years. As an herbaceous perennial, this plant will usually die back to the crown each winter, and will regrow from the base each spring. Be careful not to disturb the crown in late winter when it may not be readily seen!

This plant should only be grown in full sunlight. It prefers dry to average moisture levels with very well-drained soil, and will often die in standing water. It is considered to be drought-tolerant, and thus makes an ideal choice for a low-water garden or xeriscape application. This plant does not require much in the way of fertilizing once established. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This particular variety is an interspecific hybrid.

Mad About Mangave Cherry Chocolate Chip Mangave is a fine choice for the garden, but it is also a good selection for planting in outdoor pots and containers. It is often used as a 'filler' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination, providing a canvas of foliage against which the thriller plants stand out. Note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden. Be aware that in our climate, most plants cannot be expected to survive the winter if left in containers outdoors, and this plant is no exception. Contact our experts for more information on how to protect it over the winter months.