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### **Voodoo™ Merlot Star Verbena**

***Verbena 'Voodoo Merlot Star'***

Height: 12 inches

Spread: 18 inches

Spacing: 12 inches

Sunlight: ☉

Hardiness Zone: (annual)

Other Names: Vervain

Group/Class: Voodoo Series

#### **Description:**

A gorgeous series that features bold, unique star patterned blooms that sit above dark green foliage; its trailing habit makes it ideal for hanging baskets, containers and garden beds; blooms all season long; low maintenance

#### **Ornamental Features**

Voodoo Merlot Star Verbena features showy clusters of rose star-shaped flowers with creamy white stripes at the ends of the stems from early spring to mid fall. Its small serrated pointy leaves remain green in color throughout the season.

#### **Landscape Attributes**

Voodoo Merlot Star Verbena is an herbaceous annual with a trailing habit of growth, eventually spilling over the edges of hanging baskets and containers. It brings an extremely fine and delicate texture to the garden composition and should be used to full effect.

This plant will require occasional maintenance and upkeep. Trim off the flower heads after they fade and die to encourage more blooms late into the season. It is a good choice for attracting butterflies and hummingbirds to your yard, but is not particularly attractive to deer who tend to leave it alone in favor of tastier treats. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Voodoo Merlot Star Verbena is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- Border Edging
- General Garden Use
- Container Planting
- Hanging Baskets



*Voodoo Merlot Star Verbena flowers*  
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### **Planting & Growing**

Voodoo Merlot Star Verbena will grow to be about 12 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 18 inches. When grown in masses or used as a bedding plant, individual plants should be spaced approximately 12 inches apart. Its foliage tends to remain dense right to the ground, not requiring facer plants in front. This fast-growing annual will normally live for one full growing season, needing replacement the following year.

This plant should only be grown in full sunlight. It does best in average to evenly moist conditions, but will not tolerate standing water. It may require supplemental watering during periods of drought or extended heat. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is highly tolerant of urban pollution and will even thrive in inner city environments. This particular variety is an interspecific hybrid. It can be propagated by cuttings; however, as a cultivated variety, be aware that it may be subject to certain restrictions or prohibitions on propagation.

Voodoo Merlot Star Verbena is a fine choice for the garden, but it is also a good selection for planting in outdoor containers and hanging baskets. Because of its trailing habit of growth, it is ideally suited for use as a 'spiller' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination; plant it near the edges where it can spill gracefully over the pot. Note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.

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