

Cercis 'Merlot'



Key Features

- ✓ Excellent heat & drought tolerance. (The *C. texensis* factor).
- ✓ Outstanding glossy dark purple foliage.
- ✓ Tight dense habit making this the perfect tree for small yards.

Characteristics

Genus & Species:	<i>Cercis canadensis</i> [Texensis group].
Protection Status:	US Plant Patent 22,297.
USDA Zone:	USDA Zone 6. (-10°F or -23°C).
Flowers:	Reddish-purple flowers borne on bare stems in early spring.
Flowering Time:	Early spring.
Foliage:	Deciduous, large rounded glossy dark purple foliage.
Habit:	Semi-upright vase shaped habit. 12' x 15'. The perfect tree for small yards.
Propagation:	Budding /grafting & tissue culture. <i>License required for propagation.</i>
Culture:	Best grown in full sun in well drained soils.
Additional Comments:	Drought tolerant once established. Lightly prune as required.
Uses:	Garden specimen, landscape plantings, street tree.

Approximate Finishing Time

5 Gallon:	24 months
15 Gallon:	36 months

Comparison: C. 'Forest Pansy'

Key Differences:

- ✓ 'Merlot' heat & drought tolerant **vs.** cool conditions preferred.
- ✓ 'Merlot' dense, semi-upright habit **vs.** spreading habit.
- ✓ 'Merlot' glossy foliage **vs.** matte foliage.

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