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VICTOR VERDIER ROSE.



Of the Hybrid Remontant Roses, perhaps none excel the Victor Verdier for its flowering habits. It is probably on this account that this rose has been so much used as parent stock from which to originate varieties, no other being more used for this purpose, unless it be the Jules Margottin and the well-known favorite, General Jacqueminot. It lacks however, one very important characteristic of a good rose, namely, fragrance: besides this, the plant is not as hardy as the other hybrid remontants, and it is only a moderate grower.

The Victor Verdier was originated in Lyons, France, by the celebrated rosarian, Lacharme, who introduced it to the public in 1852. The same person has also the honor of originating the well-known favorites, Alfred Colomb, Charles Lefebvre, Coquette des Blanches, Anna de Diesbach, and others, all fine roses.

The subject of our sketch was probably originated from one of the La Reine type, crossed with the Bourbon type. Among its descendants, which are classed together as belonging to the Victor Verdier type, are Pride of Waltham, Charles Verdier, and many others.

H. B. Ellwanger, describes this rose as follows: Bright rose with carmine centre, a very fresh shade, but not permanent; semi-globular in form, of good size; not fragrant; very free; wood is all but smooth; foliage lustrous.

Mr. T. H. Race, Seaforth, writes as follows concerning this rose: I have grown the Victor Verdier rose for several years. In color, form and fragrance