



## “Elle”

### Winner of the Gamble Fragrance Medal – 2011

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The American Rose Society awarded the James Alexander Gamble Fragrance Medal for 2011 to “Elle”, a hybrid tea rose hybridized by Jacques Mouchotte in France and first introduced by Meiland International there and later in the United States by Jackson & Perkins and Star Roses.

The Gamble Fragrance Medal is awarded to especially fragrant roses that meet high standards consistently over a five-year period in municipal and private gardens throughout the United States and Canada. Each rose must be registered and rate at least 7.5 or better out of 10.0 points possible.

Awarded just eighteen times since 1961, only when a rose is deemed worthy, makes it an even more prestigious honor and a wonderful guideline for you to select the most fragrant roses for your garden!

James Alexander Gamble, the awards namesake, researched over 3,000 Hybrid Tea Roses and concluded that approximately 25% of them had very little or no fragrance, 20% were intensely fragrant and the rest somewhere in between.

“Elle” is a light pink with an orange-pink reverse hybrid tea rose sporting 40 to 55 petals with blooms that average 5 inches across with a strong, citrus, spice fragrance. The blooms are borne mostly solitary with hi-centered pointed ovoid buds. The leaves are large, glossy, and dark green.

The bush is considered short and compact for its classification growing from three to a possible five feet in height depending on its location. Its lineage is the seed of Purple Splendour and pollen from Chicago Peace X Parador.

In addition to the Gamble Medal “Elle” has also won the First Season Certificate of Merit from Rose Hills (1999), the Bagatelle (Paris) du parfum (Fragrance Award), the Geneva Silver Medal and is an All-American Rose Selection winner (2005).

Below are all of the Alexander Gamble Fragrance winners to date:

Rose	Hybridizer	Award Year
<b>Crimson Glory</b>	Wilhelm Kordes	1961
<b>Tiffany</b>	Robert Lindquist	1962
<b>Chrysler Imperial</b>	Dr. Walter E. Lammerts	1965
<b>Sutter’s Gold</b>	Herbert C. Swim	1966
<b>Granada</b>	Robert Lindquist	1968
<b>Fragrant Cloud</b>	Mathias Tantau	1970
<b>Papa Meiland</b>	Alain Meiland	1974
<b>Sunsprite</b>	Wilhelm Kordes	1979
<b>Double Delight</b>	Herbert C. Swim & Arnold W. Ellis	1986
<b>Fragrant Hour</b>	Sam McGredy IV	1997
<b>Angel Face</b>	Herbert C. Swim and Oliver Weeks	2001
<b>Secret</b>	Daniel Tracey	2002
<b>Mister Lincoln</b>	Herbert C. Swim and Oliver Weeks	2003
<b>Sheila’s Perfume</b>	John Sheridan	2005
<b>Fragrant Plum</b>	Jack E. Christensen	2007
<b>“Elle”</b>	Jacques Mouchotte	2011