



Jacob



Josef Lemper

# Helleborus Gold Collection® Jacob & Josef Lemper

## GENERAL DESCRIPTION

This outstanding series brings magical, new life to winter and early spring-blooming Hellebores. Flowering the first year, they are long blooming, with lots of buds and blossom. With lovely, pure white flowers that age to light green, both of these Christmas Roses have long stems that stand above the dark green foliage. Large flowers are forward facing and can be enjoyed indoors as winter and holiday decorations, and later planted outside as a long-lived perennial. These are no-fuss, reliable additions to modern gardens. *Hybridized by Heuger.*

- **Jacob**—pure white flower, slightly fragrant, with burgundy stems
- **Josef Lemper**—very large, slightly cupped blooms with strong stems

## USES

Jacob and Josef Lemper feature wonderful, very early blooms. Deer resistant, these selections make a good ground cover and are choice perennials for shady borders. Outstanding in patio tubs or planters, they should be placed where their early flowers can be appreciated.

## GROWER NOTES

*The following information is based on our own experience with this crop in the Pacific Northwest. Growth will vary depending on location, climate, growing medium and cultural practices. As always, where chemical use is involved, read the labels, follow the instructions and practice careful trialing methods.*

- Plant liners level with the soil, taking care not to bury the crown. This will increase branching, resulting in more flower stems.
- Avoid planting into soils with a high nitrogen starter charge, or during periods of high temperature.
- Provide light shade, cool temperatures and soil rich in organic matter.
- Monitor root development and fertility levels early in production to avoid excess salts and prevent root problems.
- Use a preventive drench with a broad-spectrum fungicide directly after planting, and as needed in hot weather.
- Apply well-balanced fertilizer to encourage root development and to control height. During the growing season, and when plants are established, a fertilizer higher in nitrogen is recommended.
- Protect foliage from severe weather to avoid winter burn.
- Do not allow to wilt; roots should be moist, but not wet.
- Monitor for thrips and aphids.

## PLANT DATA

### Jacob

Height: 9–12"/12"  
Spread: 13"  
Bloom time: mid Nov–mid Jan  
USDA Zone: 4(-30°)

### Josef Lemper

Height: 15–18"/18"  
Spread: 21"  
Bloom time: Dec–Feb  
USDA Zone: 4(-30°)

## APPROXIMATE FINISH TIMES

- Gallon: to achieve flowering at natural bloom time, transplant in late spring or early summer

## PATENT INFORMATION

Asexual propagation prohibited  
*H. niger* 'HGC Jacob': USPP #17799  
*H. niger* 'HGC Josef Lemper': USPP #15615