



ROSE CULTIVARS and DISEASE RESISTANCE

Roses are beautiful flowers, but they can be plagued by numerous diseases, the most common of which are black spot, powdery mildew, and rust. WSU Fact Sheet FS246E, [Growing Roses in Washington State: Common Diseases and Insect Problems](#), has information and photos to help in identifying these issues in roses.

Many rose cultivars are resistant to some or all of these three diseases, however, resistance can change over time as changes occur to the fungi which cause these problems. The Pacific Northwest Plant Disease Handbook, [Rose Cultivar Resistance](#), listing cultivars of commonly grown hybrid tea, grandiflora, floribunda, and climbing roses that are disease resistant. This information is continually updated as new data become available.

As well as the roses listed in the PNW table, there are Canadian rose cultivars which are cold hardy and highly disease-resistant. These roses include the Explorer series and the Parkland series. Some of these cultivars are listed below; an “X” in the table indicates resistance.

Parkland Rose	Resistant to: Black Spot	Resistant to: Powdery Mildew	Resistant to: Rust
Alexander McKenzie	X	X	X
Captain Samuel Holland	X	X	X
Champlain	X	X	
Cuthbert Grant		X	
David Thompson	X	X	X
Frontenac	X	X	X
Henry Hudson	X	X	X
Henry Kelsey	X	X	
Hope for Humanity	X	X	X
J.P. Connell		X	
Jens Munk	X	X	X
John Cabot	X	X	X
John Davis	X	X	
Lambert Closse	X	X	

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Martin Frobisher		X	
Morden Blush		X	
Morden Centennial	X	X	
Morden Fireglow		X	X
Morden Ruby		X	
Morden Sunrise	X	X	X
Prairie Joy	X	X	X
Quadra	X	X	
Royal Edward	X	X	
Simon Fraser	X	X	
William Baffin	X	X	X
Winnipeg Parks	X	X	

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