Blooming beauties for a sunburnt country [™]

PLANT VARIETY INFORMATION SHEET FOR: Aloe 'Gemini'

ORIGIN: South Africa

GENUS: Aloe

COMMON NAME OF SPECIES: Aloe Hybrid

PROTECTION STATUS: Being test marketed under section 43(6) of the Plant Breeders Rights Act, 1994 until 18 March 2009, after which full protection under the Plant Breeders Rights Act is intended. A condition of sale is that no commercial propagation or export of the plants takes place without permission and that every plant subsequently supplied by the purchaser to another party is done on the strict condition that the official **March** label is attached to that plant.

CHARACTERISTICS: Small stem less hybrid aloe with masses of pinkish orange flowers **GROWTH HABIT**: Clumping habit

FOLIAGE: Decorative foliage forms a spiral of green leaves with marginal teeth.

FOLIAGE HEIGHT: Approximately 15 cm -30cm

PLANT WIDTH: Approximately 20cm-30cm

FLOWERS: Branched inflorescence comprising upright raceme

FLOWER COLOUR: Pale orange

FLOWER STEM HEIGHT Approximately: 20 cm above foliage

FLOWERING PERIOD: Late autumn/early winter.

HARDINESS: Hardy

WATER: Minimal water required but able to cope with significant rain once established. For pot specimens allow soil surface to dry out between watering. Require less water in winter. If desired, water during dry periods to promote foliage growth.

FROST TOLERANCE: Mild frost tolerant once established

POSITION: Best grown in full sun (for optimal flowering performance and growth) but will tolerate part shade

SOIL: Grows best in rich, fertile and well drained soil. It is essential that the soil is free draining and not waterlogged

FERTILISER: Fertilise in spring for optimum growth (organic fertiliser preferred but not essential)

PEST OR DISEASES: None observed or known

LANDSCAPE USE: Suitable for mass plantings, borders or as a pot specimen AVAILABILITY: Currently available in limited quantities in 180 mm pots and 140 mm pots



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