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Press Release

**MISS SAORI
HYDRANGEA**

Hydrangea Miss Saori “Plant of the Year 2014” at the Chelsea Flower Show

The particularly beautiful Hydrangea MISS SAORI (‘H20-2’^{PBR}) was presented as a debutant at the RHS Chelsea Flower Show and became last Monday “2014 Chelsea Plant of the Year”. Herewith, MISS SAORI was declared the best of 40 entries. This prestigious title was awarded because of the vivid colours and special qualities of this shrub.

The double-petalled flowers have deep rose margins. This colour softens to white in the centre and forms a nice contrast with the dark foliage that turns burgundy in spring and autumn. MISS SAORI has a long flowering period that starts in June. Flowers even on first year wood and becomes 1 m x 1 m. The ideal location is in full sun or semi-shade. Beautiful in borders or containers, but also excellent as a cut flower. This winner is also hardy to -18°C. Hydrangea MISS SAORI (‘H20-2’^{PBR}) is shown at the Chelsea Flower Show by Hillier Nurseries and Garden Centres & Javado Plant. Originally, MISS SAORI comes from Japan where it was bred by Ryoji Irie who named this Hydrangea after his wife. Van Klaveren Plant BV produced the quality plants of Miss Saori. Plantipp & Concept Plants are responsible for the introduction and royalty management on the European and North American market. From 27 - 30 August, MISS SAORI will also be shown at Plantarium 2014, Boskoop, the Netherlands.

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