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(54) **VARIETY OF ROSE PLANT NAMED 'PEJAMBLU'**

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Varietal Denomination: **Pejamblu**

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(57) **ABSTRACT**

A new and distinct cultivar of Rose plant named 'Pejamblu' is characterized in compact upright bush having a mauve/lilac color flowers ageing to a slate blue and having a strong pleasant fragrance. The plant also benefits from a lengthy flowering period of repeated flowerings between spring and fall. The plant is tolerant of dry conditions and exhibits tolerance to Black Spot and Powdery mildew, Rust mildew, and Downey mildew.

4 Drawing Sheets

BACKGROUND OF THE NEW PLANT

The present invention relates to a new and distinct cultivar of Rose, species Rosa, and further known by the varietal name 'Pejamblu.' This new variety is also sold under the Breeder's reference name PEJAMBLU. The new variety was discovered through selective cross-pollination initiated in June 2000. The seed parent is known as "Rose 'NATURAL BEAUTY' (ROGSCRIV)", a pink/apricot colored rose having double 26–40 petals of a 75 mm rosette borne on small clusters. No patent is known by the inventor to cover the parental seed. The pollen parent seedling was derived from a cross of SUMMER WINE and SCRIVBELL. PEJAMBLU has a unique mauve/lilac flower ageing to slate blue, with semi-double 12–16 petals and 75–100 mm flowers. The derivation by cross pollination occurred at 324 City Road, Tividale, Oldbury, West Midlands, United Kingdom B691QP. The first asexual reproduction occurred at the breeder Peter James' home at 324 City Road, Tividale B691QP, Oldbury West Midlands, U.K. Plants were budded on to Lasca under stock and proved to be true to type when grown over several generations and all have been stable. Propagation by cuttings in Australia has also proved stable, and the desirable features of the plant have remained constant throughout the evaluation period. The evaluation of the variety was carried out at Warner Roses of Shropshire. U.K. TF109EP.

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

Plants of the new Rose variety can be compared to other plants of its genus. 'Pejamblu' is characterized by its coloring, its abundant dark green foliage, its strong pleasant fragrance, and its abundant flowers. The variety is distinct in its flower color, mauve fading to slate blue, appearing very blue under normal climatic conditions. The variety has a very strong sweet citrus fragrance, and the foliage is plentiful and semi-malt in appearance. The habit of 'Pejamblu' is medium height and compact bushing as opposed to

spreading, and it possesses a larger flower size and multiple flowerings between Spring and Fall.

DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWING

The accompanying colored photographs illustrate the new cultivar:

FIG. **1** shows an enlarged view of the flower;

FIG. **2** shows a cluster of flowers in various stages of growth and illustrates a progression of color from mauve/lilac to slate blue;

FIG. **3** shows a mature plant with several clusters of flowers; and

FIG. **4** shows a closer view of the flowers and foliage of the new rose.

DETAILED BOTANICAL DESCRIPTION OF THE NEW PLANT

The following detailed description sets forth characteristics of the new cultivar. In the following table of comparative features, color references are made to The Royal Horticultural Society of London Colour Chart, 1995 Edition. The color values were determined on plant material grown at 327 Monbulk Road, Silvan, Victoria, 3795 Australia.

Characteristic	Measurement
Genus	Rose
Species	hybrid
Plant Characteristics	
Plant Density	Medium density typical of Floribunda rose
Plant Growth Type	Compact upright bush
Plant Height (mm)	900-1200 mm
Plant Width (mm)	800 mm
Stem Diameter (mm)	6-10 mm

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Characteristic	Measurement
Leaf Characteristics	
Leaf Color	Dark matte green, Green Group 139A; semi-glossy upper surface
Leaf Length (mm)	90 mm
Leaf Width (mm)	58 mm
Flower Characteristics: Pedicel prickles	Very few small prickles on pedicel
Bud shape (ovate, round)	Ovate, 30 mm × 14 mm
Flower Size	80 mm diameter
Flower profile upper (flattened, flat)	Flat
Flower profile lower (flattened convex, flat)	Flat
Inflorescence Type	Indeterminate, cluster of 15 or more flowers
Sepal	5 arching down from petals in open flower
Number of petals (13-26, 26-50, over 50)	13-26
Petal Size (small, large)	Medium
Petal Width (mm)	42 mm wide
Petal Length (mm)	45 mm long
Petal Arrangement (overlapping, not touching)	Overlapping
Pedicel Length (mm)	44 mm
Number of flowers	Abundant flowers, 15 to 20 per stem cluster
Time of Flowering (med, early, late)	Early spring
Length of Flowering Period (med, long)	Long, early spring to late fall
Color midzone outside (RHS)	Purple group 76D
Color midzone inside (RHS)	Violet group 83B
Color margin inside	Violet group 83B
Color basal spot	Purple group 76D
Filament color	Yellow Group 11D
Anther	Greyed-Orange Group 165B
Style color	Yellow Group 11D
Seed Vessel Characteristics:	Medium to large
Color (green, ND, green and purple)	Green, Green Group 138A
Method of Breeding	Selective cross pollination
Parent Seedling	Natural Beauty 'Rogscriv' × Seedling
Growth Rate	Medium to fast growth rate. Flowers in first year at 70-90 cm in height. Several flower flushes from early spring to late fall Individual flowers last 7-10 days
Leaf Characteristics	Leaves abundant, compound 5 leaflets, sometimes 7 leaflets. Dark green, Green Group RHS 139A on upper surface and RHS 138 B on lower surface. Ovate, margin finely serrated, upper leaf surface smooth shiny, lower leaf surface matte.
Bracts, Pedicle and Peduncle	2 bracts, lower surface Yellow-Green Group RHS 146C, upper surface RHS 137A with centre longitudinal stripe Greyed-Red Group RHS 182A Pedicel Yellow-Green Group RHS 146C, 44 mm in length Peduncle Yellow-Green Group RHS 146A 19 to 28 mm in length
Umbels per plant	Cluster of 15 or more flowers.
Flower buds	Medium bud - 8 mm diameter Pointed and tapering Near color Yellow Green Group RHS 146A Opens as tight bud, ageing to flat flower with petals fully open and sepals folding back and pointing down away from the flower
Reproductive Organs	Numerous stamens and pollen Anther color: Greyed-Orange Group 165B Filament color: Yellow Group 11D Style color: Yellow Group 11D
Fragrance	Medium strong fragrance
Flowering	Individual flowers last 7-10 days on plant
Disease resistance of the plant variety	Slight resistance to Black Spot and Powdery mildew. Downy mildew and Rust not observed on trial plants
Distinguishing characteristics from the closest plant varieties	Flower color; distinctive mauve/lilac color, ageing to a slate blue
Conditions under which the new cultivar was collected and color readings taken	Outdoors in moderate sunlight
Suggested usages	Landscaping and pots

The foregoing traits have been repeatedly observed and are determined to be among the unique characteristics of 'Pejamblu'. These characteristics distinguish 'Pejamblu' as a new and distinct cultivar:

GENERAL CHARACTERISTICS

A rose of mauve/lilac flower coloring ageing to slate blue, having medium height and compact bushing, with dark green foliage and a strong, pleasant fragrance, with masses of flowers and repeated flowerings from spring to fall.

What is claimed is:

1. A new and distinct variety of Rose plant, substantially as shown and described.

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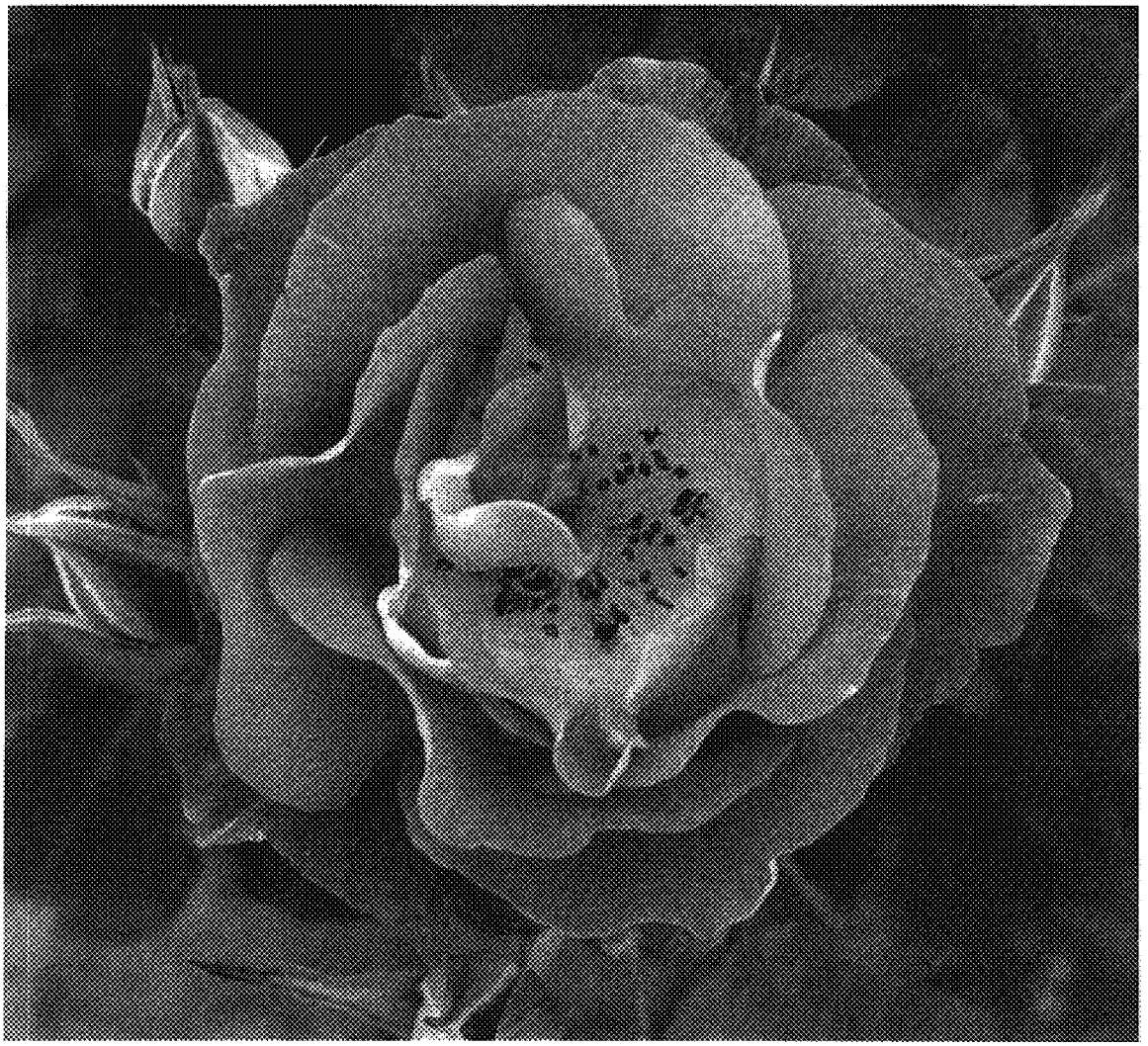

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