

[54] HYBRID TEA ROSE PLANT NAMED
'STARQUELI'

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[57] ABSTRACT

A sport of the rose variety AROyqueli having a distinct
and uniform color difference from its parent.

1 Drawing Sheet

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The present invention relates to a new and distinct
variety of rose plant of the hybrid tea class which was
discovered by me as a mutation of the variety
AROyqueli, U.S. Plant Pat. No. 5,177.

This variety is unique and distinct from the original
variety AROyqueli in its flower color. Instead of hav-
ing petals of color Yellow-Orange 15B and Yellow-
Orange 14C on the petal outside, STARqueli has a
color of Orange Group 25B. The petal inside is Orange
25B that blushes to Orange 25D in sunlight. Otherwise,
this new variety is identical in all other respects to
AROyqueli.

Asexual reproduction of this new variety by budding,
as performed at Wasco, Calif., shows that the foregoing
characteristics and distinctions come true to form and
are established and transmitted through succeeding
propagations.

The accompanying illustration shows typical flowers
of this new variety and of its parent in different stages of
development, depicted in color as nearly true as it is
reasonably possible to make the same in a color illustra-
tion of this character.

Since the plant is otherwise the same as that of its
parent AROyqueli, the description will be limited to the
flower characteristics of this new variety. This descrip-
tion of my new rose cultivar will be with color descrip-
tions using terminology in accordance with The Royal
Horticultural Society (London) Colour Chart, except
where ordinary dictionary significance of color is indi-
cated.

FLOWER

Observations made from specimens grown in Somis,
Calif., from March-June of 1992.

Blooming habit.—Recurrent.

Bud:

Size.—1½" when the petals start to unfurl.

Form.—Long, pointed ovoid.

Color.—When sepals first divide, bud color is
Orange Group 25B. When half blown, the upper
sides of the petals are Orange Group 25B; and
the lower sides of the petals are Orange Group
25B.

Sepals.—Color: Green Group 138B. Surface tex-
ture: Covered with fine hairs. There are three
normal to heavily appendaged sepals. There are
two unappendaged sepals with hairy edges.

Receptacle.—Color: Green Group 137C. Shape:
Funnel. Size: Small, ¼"×¼". Surface: Smooth.

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Peduncle.—Length: Short. Surface: Smooth, glan-
dular. Color: Medium green. Strength: Stiff,
erect.

Bloom:

Size.—Large. Average open size is 4½".

Borne.—Singly and several together, in clusters. If
in clusters: Flat.

Stems.—Long, 16" to 20".

Form.—When first open: High centered. Perma-
nence: Retains its form to the end, outer petals
curl back.

Petalage.—Number of petals under normal condi-
tions: 35.

Color.—The upper side of the petals is Orange
Group 25B. The reverse side of the petals is
Orange Group 25B. The bases of the petals have
a yellow half moon (¼×¼") at the point of attach-
ment. The major color on the upper side is
Orange Group 25B.

Variegations.—None.

Discoloration.—The general tonality at the end of
the first day: No change. At the end of the third
day: Some blushing to Orange Group 25D as
petals reflex.

Fragrance.—Moderate.

Petals:

Texture.—Medium.

Shape.—Round.

Form.—Tips slightly recurved.

Arrangement.—Imbricated, with few petaloids in
the center.

Persistence.—Drops off cleanly.

Lastingness.—On the plant: fair, 3–5 days. As a cut
flower: fair, 5–6 days.

Reproductive parts:

Anthers.—Size: Medium. Color: Yellow. Arrange-
ment: Regular around styles, mixed with occa-
sional petaloids.

Filaments.—Color: Yellow.

Pollen.—Color: Golden yellow.

Styles.—Color: Reddish.

Stigmas.—Color: Greenish white.

I claim:

1. A new and distinct variety of rose plant of the
hybrid tea class, substantially as herein shown and de-
scribed, a sport of the variety AROyqueli characterized
particularly as to novelty by its distinct and uniform
flower color difference from its parent.

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