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(54) **ROSE PLANT NAMED ‘EVERA 118’**

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Varietal Denomination: **Evera 118**

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(57) **ABSTRACT**

A new and distinct cultivar of rose plant named ‘Evera 118’,  
characterized by its upright and rounded plant habit; dark  
green-colored leaves; large double rich red purple-colored  
flowers; flowers held upright on strong and erect peduncles;  
and good postproduction longevity.

**1 Drawing Sheet**

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Botanical designation: *Rosa hybrida*.  
Cultivar denomination: ‘Evera 118’.

**BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION**

The present invention relates to a new and distinct cultivar  
of the Rose class, botanically known as *Rosa hybrida*,  
commercially known as a potted Rose and hereinafter  
referred to by the name ‘Evera 118’.

The new Rose plant is a product of a planned breeding  
program conducted by the Inventor in Denmark. The objec-  
tive of the breeding program was to develop new potted  
Rose cultivars with novel and attractive flower colors,  
disease resistance and excellent postproduction longevity.

The new Rose plant originated from a cross-pollination  
made by the Inventor on May 10, 2001 of two unnamed  
proprietary *Rosa hybrida* seedlings, not patented. The cul-  
tivar Evera 118 was discovered and selected by the Inventor  
as a flowering plant within the progeny of the stated cross-  
pollination in a controlled environment in Denmark. Plants  
of the new cultivar differ primarily from plants of the parent  
selections primarily in flower color.

Asexual reproduction of the new Rose plant by cuttings in  
Denmark since Aug. 1, 2003, has shown that the unique  
features of this new Rose plant are stable and reproduced  
true to type in successive generations of asexual reproduc-  
tion.

**SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION**

The new Rose plant has not been observed under all  
possible environmental conditions. The phenotype may vary  
significantly with variations in environment such as tem-  
perature and light level, without, however, any variance in  
genotype.

The following traits have been repeatedly observed and  
are determined to be the unique characteristics of ‘Evera  
118’. These characteristics in combination distinguish the  
new Rose plant as a new and distinct cultivar:

1. Upright and rounded plant habit.
2. Dark green-colored leaves.
3. Large double rich red purple-colored flowers.

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4. Flowers held upright on strong and erect peduncles.
5. Good postproduction longevity.

Plants of the new Rose plant can be compared to plants of  
the Rose cultivar Pink Ever, not patented. In side-by-side  
comparisons conducted in Denmark, plants of the new Rose  
differed from plants of the cultivar Pink Ever in the follow-  
ing characteristics:

1. Plants of the new Rose were not as outwardly spreading  
as plants of the cultivar Pink Ever.
2. Flowers of plants of the new Rose had smaller flowers  
with fewer petals than flowers of plants of the cultivar  
Pink Ever.
3. Plants of the new Rose and the cultivar Pink Ever  
differed in flower coloration.

**BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF PHOTOGRAPHS**

The accompanying colored photographs illustrate typical  
specimens of the vegetative growth and flowers of the new  
Rose plant, showing the colors as true as it is reasonably  
possible to obtain in colored reproductions of this type.  
Colors in the photographs may differ slightly from the color  
values cited in the detailed botanical description which more  
accurately describe the actual colors of the new Rose plant.

The photograph at the top of the sheet comprises a side  
perspective view of typical plants of the new Rose plant  
grown in a container in Denmark.

The photographs at bottom of the sheet comprises close-  
up views of the upper (left) and lower (right) surfaces of  
typical flowers and leaves of the new Rose plant.

**DETAILED BOTANICAL DESCRIPTION**

The following observations and measurements describe  
plants grown in Denmark in 12-cm containers in a glass  
greenhouse and under conditions which closely approximate  
commercial production conditions during the summer.  
Plants used for the description were about 15 weeks old. In  
the following description, color references are made to The  
Royal Horticultural Society Colour Chart, 1995 Edition,  
except where general terms of ordinary dictionary signifi-  
cance are used.

## Classification:

*Botanical.*—*Rosa hybrida* cultivar Evera 118.

*Commercial.*—Potted Rose.

## Parentage:

*Female, or seed, parent.*—Unnamed proprietary seedling, not patented.

*Male, or pollen, parent.*—Unnamed proprietary seedling, not patented.

## Propagation:

*Type.*—Terminal or stem cuttings.

*Time to rooting.*—8 to 10 days with soil temperatures of 20° C.

*Root description.*—Fine; freely branching.

## Plant description:

*Form.*—Upright and rounded plant habit.

*Plant height.*—About 26 cm.

*Plant width.*—About 18 cm.

*Growth habit.*—Vigorous; suitable for 12-cm containers.

*Stem description.*—Branching habit: About two to four lateral branches per plant. Lateral branch length: About 16 to 22 cm. Lateral branch diameter: About 5 mm. Internode length: About 1.5 to 2 cm. Texture: Smooth, glabrous. Color: 144A. Thorns: Quantity: Sparse. Length: About 6 mm. Diameter: About 6 mm. Shape: Roughly deltoid. Color, immature: 144C. Color, mature: 179D.

*Foliage description.*—Arrangement: Alternately; compound with typically three to five leaflets per leaf, generally symmetrical. Leaf length: About 9 cm to 10 cm. Leaf width: About 6 cm. Leaflet length: About 1.8 to 4.1 cm. Leaflet width: About 1.2 to 3.1 cm. Shape: Ovate. Apex: Acuminate. Base: Obtuse. Margin: Serrate. Venation pattern: Pinnate; reticulate. Texture, upper and lower surfaces: Smooth, glabrous; leathery. Petiole length: About 1.5 to 2 cm. Petiole diameter: About 1 mm. Petiole texture, upper and lower surfaces: Smooth, glabrous. Color: Developing foliage, upper surface: 137A. Developing foliage, lower surface: Closest to 147B. Fully expanded foliage, upper surface: Between 137A and 147A. Fully expanded foliage, lower surface: Closest to 147B. Venation, upper surface: 146A. Venation, lower surface: 146C. Petiole, upper and lower surfaces: 146A to 146B. Stipules: Shape: Lanceolate; apex, acuminate; base, truncate; margin, serrate. Length: About 4 mm. Width: About 0.8 mm. Texture, upper and lower surfaces: Leathery, smooth. Color, upper surface: Closest to 147A. Color, lower surface: Closest to 137A.

## Flower description:

*Flower type and habit.*—Large double rich red purple-colored flowers. Consistently symmetrical rosette flowers that are hemispherical in shape. Flowers

borne singly on erect and strong peduncles; about two flower buds and flowers per lateral branch. Flowers persistent.

*Flowering season.*—Year-round under greenhouse conditions, optimal flowering from spring through autumn under garden conditions; flowering intermittent.

*Flower diameter.*—About 4 to 5 cm.

*Flower depth (height).*—About 2 to 2.5 cm.

*Flower longevity on plant.*—About two weeks.

*Fragrance.*—Slight; typical of *Rosa*.

*Flower buds (at stage of showing color).*—Shape: Ovoid. Length: About 2 cm. Diameter: About 1 cm. Color: 146B to 146C.

*Petals.*—Quantity: About 25 per flower. Length: About 1.5 to 2.8 cm. Width: About 0.9 to 3.3 cm. Shape: Broadly obovate. Apex: Rounded; retuse. Base: Attenuate. Margin: Entire. Texture, upper and lower surfaces: Smooth, glabrous; satiny. Color: When opening and fully opened, upper surface: 63A; color becoming closer to 61C with development. When opening and fully opened, lower surface: 57B; towards the base, close to 62D.

*Sepals.*—Quantity per flower: Typically five. Calyx length: About 2 cm. Calyx diameter: About 8 mm. Shape: Linear; falcate. Apex: Sharply pointed. Base: Truncate. Texture, upper and lower surfaces: Pubescent. Color, upper and lower surfaces: Close to 137A.

*Peduncles.*—Strength: Strong, but flexible. Aspect: Mostly erect. Length: About 3 to 3.5 cm. Diameter: About 2 mm. Texture: Smooth, glabrous. Color: 146C.

*Reproductive organs.*—Stamens: Quantity: About 100 per flower. Anther length: About 3 mm. Anther shape: Oval. Anther color: 165B. Pollen color: 167A to 167B. Pistils: Quantity: About 38 per flower. Pistil length: About 4 mm. Stigma color: 145C. Style color: 145D. Receptacle shape: Cup-like. Receptacle size: About 7 mm by 6 mm. Receptacle texture: Smooth, glabrous. Receptacle color: More green than 144A.

*Seed/fruit.*—Seed and fruit production has not been observed.

*Disease/pest resistance:* Plants of the new Rose have not been shown to be resistant to pathogens and pests common to Rose plants.

*Temperature tolerance:* Plants of the new rose have been shown to be tolerant to temperatures from 0 to 45° C.

It is claimed:

1. A new and distinct rose plant named 'Evera 118', as illustrated and described.

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