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(54) **LAURUS PLANT NAMED ‘PRIDE OF PROVENCE’**

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(57) **ABSTRACT**

A new cultivar of *Laurus* plant named ‘Pride of Provence’  
that is characterized by a compact habit, a rounded shape  
and dark green leaves.

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**1 Drawing Sheet**

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Botanical classification: *Laurus nobilis*.  
Variety denomination: ‘Pride of Provence’.

**BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION**

The present invention relates to a new and distinct variety  
of *Laurus* plant botanically known as *Laurus nobilis* and  
hereinafter referred to by the cultivar name ‘Pride of  
Provence’.

The new cultivar is the product of a crossing of the female  
parent plant an unnamed *Laurus nobilis* plant (not patented)  
and the male parent plant an unnamed *Laurus nobilis* plant  
(not patented). ‘Pride of Provence’ was selected by the  
inventor as a single plant within the progeny of the stated  
cross in a cultivated area of Hamilton, New Zealand in 2001.

Asexual reproduction by tip cuttings of the new cultivar  
‘Pride of Provence’ was first performed in 2001 in Auckland,  
New Zealand. Since that time, under careful observation, the  
unique characteristics of the new cultivar have been uniform,  
stable and reproduced true to type in successive generations  
of asexual reproduction.

**SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION**

The following represent the distinguishing characteristics  
of the new *Laurus* cultivar ‘Pride of Provence’.

1. *Laurus* ‘Pride of Provence’ exhibits a rounded shape.
2. *Laurus* ‘Pride of Provence’ exhibits a compact habit.
3. *Laurus* ‘Pride of Provence’ exhibits dark green leaves.

The closest comparison cultivars are the parent plants.  
The new cultivar ‘Pride of Provence’ is distinguishable from  
the unnamed female parent plant by the following character-  
istics:

1. ‘Pride of Provence’ has darker green leaves.
2. ‘Pride of Provence’ has a more compact habit.

The new cultivar ‘Pride of Provence’ is distinguishable  
from the unnamed male parent plant by the following char-  
acteristics:

1. ‘Pride of Provence’ has a more rounded plant shape.
2. ‘Pride of Provence’ has a more compact habit.

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**BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWING**

The accompanying photograph illustrates the distinguish-  
ing traits of *Laurus* ‘Pride of Provence’. The plant in the  
photograph shows an overall view of a 2 year old plant. The  
photograph was taken using conventional techniques and  
although colors may appear different from actual colors due  
to light reflectance it is as accurate as possible by conven-  
tional photographic techniques.

**BOTANICAL DESCRIPTION OF THE PLANT**

The following is a detailed description of the new *Laurus*  
cultivar named ‘Pride of Provence’. Data was collected in  
Auckland, New Zealand from 2 year old field grown plants.  
The time of year was Winter in the Southern Hemisphere  
and the average temperature range was 12 to 18 degrees  
Centigrade during the day and 4 to 11 degrees Centigrade at  
night. No photoperiodic treatments or growth retardants  
were used. Color determinations are in accordance with The  
Royal Horticultural Society Colour Chart 2001 edition,  
except where general color terms of ordinary dictionary sig-  
nificance are used. The growing requirements are similar to  
the species. ‘Pride of Provence’ has not been tested under all  
possible conditions and phenotypic differences may be  
observed with variations in environmental, climatic, and cul-  
tural conditions, however, without any variance in genotype.

Botanical classification: *Laurus nobilis* ‘Pride of Provence’.  
Use: Ornamental perennial shrub.

Parentage:

*Female parent*.—An unnamed cultivar of *Laurus nobi-*  
*lis*.

*Male parent*.—An unnamed cultivar of *Laurus nobilis*.

Vigor moderate:

Growth rate: 0.3 meters per year.

Growth habit: Freely branching, compact habit.

Plant shape: Rounded.

Suitable container size: 2.0 liter container.

Height: Average 0.6 m in height.

Width: Average 0.5 m in width.

Hardiness: Tolerant to –12 degrees Centigrade.

Propagation: Tip cuttings.

Time to initiate roots: Approximately 90 days in the Summer and 135 days in the Winter.

Time to produce a rooted cutting: Approximately 135 days in the Summer and 180 days in the Winter.

Root system: Fine and fibrous.

Lateral branches:

*Quantity*.—Approximately 20.

*Length*.—Average 100 mm.

*Diameter.*—Average 3 mm.

*Internode length.*—12 mm.

*Shape: Rounded.*

*Color*.—143A when young turning to 152A when mature.

*Strength.*—Strong.

*Pubescence*.—Absent.

*Pinching.*—Yes.

Foliage:

*Texture*.—Leathery.

*Leaf arrangement.*—Alternate.

*Compound or single.*—Single.

*Quantity of leaves per lateral branch.*—7.

*Leaf shape.*—Elliptic.

*Leaf apex.*—Cuspidate.

*Leaf base.*—Rounded.

*Leaf length.*—Average 75 mm in length.

*Leaf width.*—Average 35 mm in width.

*Pubescence*.—Absent.

*Leaf margin.*—Entire.

*Young leaf color (upper surface).*—N189A.

*Young leaf color (lower surface).*—137B.

*Mature leaf color (upper surface).*—N189A.

*Mature leaf color (lower surface).*—137B.

*Vein color (both surfaces).—*N144A.

*Petiole length.*—10 mm.

*Petiole diameter.*—2 mm.

*Petiole color*.—N152B.

*Durability of foliage to stress.*—Moderate to high.

Flowers: Flowers have not been observed.

Disease and insect resistance: Plants of the new *Laurus* have not been observed for disease or insect resistance.

What is claimed is:

1. A new and distinct variety of *Laurus* plant named 'Pride of Provence' as described and illustrated.

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