

FIRE DOWN BELOW

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Seedling No. NB-SH95. Parentage: 'KC Red' x Seedling NB37 (NB37 is 'Autumn Harvest' x 'G'Day Mate'). Advanced generation Lutea hybrid. First bloomed 2010, first propagated 2012. Flowers are SEMI-DOUBLE, 6 inches in size (15 cm), borne 1 or 2 to a stem, occasionally 3. Brilliantly colored in a red-rose-orange blend, unlikely to be confused with other cultivars registered to date. Petals are shallowly notched and gently ruffled. An average of three carpels, green, and smooth. Stigmas red and normal. Fully formed sheath, red. Pollen-bearing stamens with red filaments. Fertile both ways. Flowering stems are long and carry buds outward. Foliage is much more finely cut than most advanced generation lutea hybrids, highly lobed and deep blue green. Plants produce excellent numbers of ground shoots. Winter cold hardiness is average, but lost stems reliably regrow and bloom the season after loss. Exciting breeding potential due to flower color and foliage habit. A shorter plant as it grows in Wisconsin, height to approximately 34 inches (86 mm). Named for brilliant red blended flowers which are reminiscent of molten rock.