

SONOMA BY THE BAY

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Seedling: Tolomeo Itoh #61. Parentage: Lactiflora seedling L59 x Boreas. First bloomed 2011, propagated since 2010. Single deep rose red flowers, up to 3 per stem, with a bright ring of yellow stamens and bright pink stigmas. Flower size 5 inches (12.7 cm). Small flares, same hue as the petals but more intensely pigmented, extend to 15% of the petal's length. Bright red sheath. A stunning flower to look at. Carpels green, average 5 in number, smooth. Stigmas bright red rose-pink. Pollen not observed and no seeds. Plants reach 34 inches (86 cm) in height and display flowers well. Irene sent this plant to us, along with a number of other promising unregistered Intersectionals and woody peonies in her last year of life. She had not seen 'Sonoma by the Bay' bloom, but thought the plant habit promising. The plant is named for the Bay area of California where Irene resided. We appreciate her generosity and her enthusiasm for hybridizing.