

DOMAIN OF DARKNESS





DOMAIN OF DARKNESS TET 31214 (Soli Deo Gloria x sdlg) x sdlg. 6", 24" (range of 20-25"), 4-way branching, ML, 15 buds (range of 10-21), Sev (but about 80% dormant and not happy in the greenhouse which doesn't go below freezing), some instant rebloom in Minnesota, good cold morning opener (CMO). Dark merlot wine, light lavender eye on some days and almost black on others, light lavender plus white edge, short white midribs, green throat. An impressive clump covered in blooms. It looks like this every day – this color, this substance, no spotting, no melting in the sun. Its heavy substance holds up to rain and sun and heat. What's not to like? It's not as tall as I would like, but it's always above the foliage. More importantly, it is not what is called self-cleaning, meaning that the blooms from the day before don't quickly dry up and drop off – they are a gloppy mess as can be seen in the last 2 pictures, and the plant needs to be deadheaded to look its best. Many people won't care because of its beauty, but don't order it if you see deadheading as a chore. Fertile both ways but I won't see any of its kids until 2024 because it has always been grown outside and I rarely hybridize there. Note that Soli Deo Gloria genes tend to breed very dark kids that don't slick or melt.