

## **Cercis 'Merlot'**

### **Key Features**

- Ü Excellent heat & drought tolerance. (The *C. texensis* factor).
- Ü Outstanding glossy dark purple foliage.
- Ü Tight dense habit making this the perfect tree for small yards.

### **Characteristics**

<b>Genus &amp; Species:</b>	<i>Cercis canadensis</i> [Texensis group].
<b>Protection Status:</b>	U.S.Plant Patent #22,297. COPF Open.
<b>USDA Zone:</b>	USDA Zone 6. (-10°F or -23°C).
<b>Flowers:</b>	Reddish-purple flowers borne on bare stems in early spring.
<b>Flowering Time:</b>	Early spring.
<b>Foliage:</b>	Deciduous, large rounded glossy dark purple foliage.
<b>Habit:</b>	Semi-upright vase shaped habit. 12' x 15'. The perfect tree for small yards.
<b>Propagation:</b>	Budding /grafting & tissue culture. <i>License required for propagation.</i>
<b>Culture:</b>	Best grown in full sun in well drained soils.
<b>Additional Comments:</b>	Drought tolerant once established. Lightly prune as required.
<b>Uses:</b>	Garden specimen, landscape plantings, street tree.

### **Approximate Finishing Time**

<b>5 Gallon:</b>	<b>2 years from a whip (Winter Planting).</b>
<b>15 Gallon:</b>	<b>3 years from a whip (Winter Planting).</b>

<b>Closest Variety:</b> <i>C. 'Forest Pansy'</i>	<b>Key Differences:</b>	Ü ' <b>Merlot</b> ' heat & drought tolerant <b>vs.</b> cool conditions preferred. Ü ' <b>Merlot</b> ' dense, semi-upright habit <b>vs.</b> spreading habit. Ü ' <b>Merlot</b> ' glossy foliage <b>vs.</b> matte foliage.
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