

2010 AARS WINNING ROSE

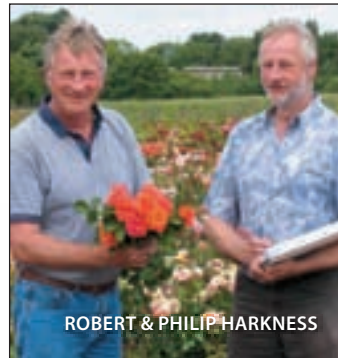
A Legacy of Passion and Excellence

The Harkness family rose nursery, based in Hitchin, England, is respected throughout the world for producing spectacular award-winning rose varieties. Founded in 1895 by brothers John and Robert, the Harkness family began as rose exhibitors, creating champion rose displays for audiences including even Queen Mary!

In 1961 the Harkness family made a momentous decision to breed new roses, led by world famous breeder Jack Harkness. Among his best-selling premium cultivars are *Margaret Merril*, one of the most fragrant floribundas of the 20th century; *Compassion*, arguably the best climber ever introduced in Europe; and *Amber Queen*, a lovely fragrant amber yellow floribunda still widely used in breeding programs around the world.

In addition to winning over four hundred international awards for his new roses, Jack also made a name for himself as a world-renowned writer. Among his five books, *Roses* (1978) and *The Makers of Heavenly Roses* (1985) are recognized as classics.

Today, Jack's sons Robert and Philip carry on the family passion for roses, breeding beautiful rose varieties that are grown and enjoyed all around the world, such as *Sixteen Candles* and the breathtaking new 2010 AARS winner *Easy Does It*.



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EASY DOES IT



NEW Easy Does It

Floribunda. As its name implies, Easy Does It is one of the simplest roses to grow! This breathtaking new creation from the world-famous Harkness family in England abounds in enormous clusters of peach, pink, and honey yellow blossoms that cover the plant the entire season. As the only AARS winner in the 2010 trials, this beauty is a proven performer across the country, in a variety of climates and conditions. *(More on p. 43)*