# Wine & Spirits® Weigela

***Weigela florida 'SMNWFGC'***

Height: 5 feet

Spread: 5 feet

Sunlight: ○

Hardiness Zone: 4a

**Description:**

An elegant selection, featuring green-white trumpet flowers held over dramatic dark foliage in late spring; attracts hummingbirds; a relatively compact shrub, ideal for garden detail use; needs full sun

**Ornamental Features**

Wine & Spirits Weigela features showy clusters of white trumpet-shaped flowers along the branches from late spring to early summer, which emerge from distinctive light green flower buds. It has attractive burgundy-variegated dark green foliage. The pointy leaves are highly ornamental and turn an outstanding deep purple in the fall. The smooth gray bark and dark red branches add an interesting dimension to the landscape.

**Landscape Attributes**

Wine & Spirits Weigela is a multi-stemmed deciduous shrub with an upright spreading habit of growth. Its average texture blends into the landscape, but can be balanced by one or two finer or coarser trees or shrubs for an effective composition.

This shrub will require occasional maintenance and upkeep, and should only be pruned after flowering to avoid removing any of the current season's flowers. It is a good choice for attracting hummingbirds to your yard. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Wine & Spirits Weigela is recommended for the following landscape applications;



*Wine & Spirits Weigela flowers*
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- Accent
- Mass Planting
- Hedges/Screening
- General Garden Use
- Container Planting

**Planting & Growing**

Wine & Spirits Weigela will grow to be about 5 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 5 feet. It tends to fill out right to the ground and therefore doesn't necessarily require facer plants in front, and is suitable for planting under power lines. It grows at a medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 30 years.

This shrub should only be grown in full sunlight. It prefers to grow in average to moist conditions, and shouldn't be allowed to dry out. To help this plant achive its best flowering performance, periodically apply a flower-boosting fertilizer from early spring through into the active growing season. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is highly tolerant of urban pollution and will even thrive in inner city environments. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America.

Wine & Spirits Weigela makes a fine choice for the outdoor landscape, but it is also well-suited for use in outdoor pots and containers. With its upright habit of growth, it is best suited for use as a 'thriller' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination; plant it near the center of the pot, surrounded by smaller plants and those that spill over the edges. It is even sizeable enough that it can be grown alone in a suitable container. Note that when grown in a container, it may not perform exactly as indicated on the tag - this is to be expected. Also note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden. Be aware that in our climate, most plants cannot be expected to survive the winter if left in containers outdoors, and this plant is no exception. Contact our experts for more information on how to protect it over the winter months.