Chaste Tree, Rock Steady

Vitex agnus-castus 'V12-2-1'

Height: 12 feet

Spread: 5 feet

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 5b

Description:

A well behaved garden shrub with long spikes of light purple flowers in late from late spring until fall; tends to keep its density; can be treated like a perennial and cut back each spring; flowers on new wood and regrows vigorously

Ornamental Features

Chaste Tree, Rock Steady has panicles of lightly-scented purple flowers rising above the foliage from late spring to early fall. The flowers are excellent for cutting. It has grayish green deciduous foliage. The fragrant palmate leaves do not develop any appreciable fall color.

Landscape Attributes

Chaste Tree, Rock Steady is an open multi-stemmed deciduous shrub with a mounded form. Its relatively fine texture sets it apart from other landscape plants with less refined foliage.

This shrub will require occasional maintenance and upkeep, and is best pruned in late winter once the threat of extreme cold has passed. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Chaste Tree, Rock Steady is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- Hedges/Screening
- General Garden Use



Chaste Tree, Rock Steady flowers
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Chaste Tree, Rock Steady in bloom
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Planting & Growing

Chaste Tree, Rock Steady will grow to be about 12 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 5 feet. It tends to be a little leggy, with a typical clearance of 1 foot from the ground, and is suitable for planting under power lines. It grows at a fast rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for 50 years or more.

This shrub does best in full sun to partial shade. 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, and is able to handle environmental salt. It is highly tolerant of urban pollution and will even thrive in inner city environments, and will benefit from being planted in a relatively sheltered location. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America.