

Thorncroft Clematis Press Release

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NEW clematis A revolution in gardening begins!

We are delighted to unveil a wonder full new clematis to you this summer and our first NEW introduction since SUGAR SWEET™ Blue at Chelsea in 2019!

This is clematis 'Lavallee No.1' and we are SO excited to share her with you.

Although initially launched in small numbers at our village Open Gardens weekend in mid-June, we now have much better availability and can start publicising our wonderful new introduction.



LAVALLEE No.1 has rich deep bluey-purple flowers that blend to an almost white bar in the centre of the tepal and very prominent purple stamens like luxurious eyelashes in the centre. The white bar also has bluey-purple veins across it and in some situations the white bar is more pronounced. Flowers are produced in great abundance across the plant in late spring and early summer, then again in late summer and autumn. We recommend growing in a container so that the plant can benefit from winter protection. Although hardy, it does not like to be wet over the winter.

Bred by renowned clematis breeder Ton Hannink from the Netherlands this beautiful new clematis is a part of a long-lasting breeding program that has already brought us

the unique clematis SUGAR SWEET™ Blue and we can look forward to many more in the years to come. Sadly Ton died in November 2021 and did not get to see this wonderful clematis introduced, however working with Marie-Laure and Benoit Javoy and their nursery Javoy Plantes in France we are delighted to share in Ton's legacy and these wonderful plants he has created.

The name 'Lavallee No.1' means 'The Valley' and this is plant No.1 in a series of plants to be introduced. **Plants available now** in a 3 litre pot - £19.95 plus postage, UK delivery only or Click & Collect from Thorncroft Clematis Nursery, Back Lane, Ashton Under Hill, Evesham, WR11 7RG.

Other clematis by Ton Hannink - BURNING LOVE 'Vitiwester' & SUGAR SWEET™ Blue

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