



ARIZONA-SONORA DESERT MUSEUM

PLANT CARE INFORMATION

Parry Agave

Agave parryi var. *parryi*

DESCRIPTION. Parry Agave is a beautiful and robust succulent. It is similar to the Huachuca Agave, but with narrower leaves. Although it does pup, it also doesn't massive clumps like the Huachuca Agave. It is compact and very symmetrical with pale blue leaves 2 feet long. Each rosette is 3 to 4 feet across and up to 3 feet tall. A mature rosette of this variety flowers after 12 to 25 years. The tall branching inflorescence is green with tints of orange and red before the flowers open. The buds are again orangish-red on the outside, with of deep yellow petals when open. The stalk towers up to 12' into the air, attracting birds, bats, and insects. Parry Agave is native to grasslands, chaparral and oak woodlands from central Arizona to north-central Mexico. The cultivated variety Estrella™ is a selection produced by Mountain States Wholesale Nursery. Compared to other clones, it tends to be a solitary plant, rarely creating offsets. It is symmetrical with compact, nearly round rosettes. The blue lanceolate leaves have marginal teeth as well as a stout spine on the tip.

RECOMMENDED USE. Makes a striking landscape accent. Also in desert landscapes and xeriscapes. It grows faster in the ground, but also looks good in a large container.

CULTURE:



Hardiness: Down to 5°F.



Sun tolerance: Can take full sun to light afternoon shade.



Watering and feeding: Moderate; in desert climates irrigate every one to two weeks during the spring and fall when growth is most active; less frequently in the summer. Fertilize once or twice a year during the early spring and late summer for faster growth.



Soil requirements: Well-drained soil is best.



Pruning: None necessary.