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Bulbs Glorious Bulbs

2021

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Our front cover combination - the 'Cool White' Collection (see page 25).

Welcome to our 2021 Bulb Catalogue.

What a year of challenges we've all had! A pandemic on top of Brexit - which led to a lot of changes for bulb imports. But, 'Where there's a will there's a way'. So, we've gone BIG and imported more bulbs than ever before to ensure we all get an injection of joy come 2022! Costs have gone up, but where possible we've tried to maintain our prices, whilst guaranteeing the quality and size of the bulbs we import.

2021 was an interesting growing year - a dry early spring followed by a month of rainy, overcast days - the perfect recipe for fungal diseases to flourish. Spores can remain dormant in the soil from previous years - so if you had a less than perfect display in areas where tulips have been before, we'd suggest planting in different locations in the garden, or in containers this year, to allow any residual spores to die off. We've also increased our range of Early Tulips as they flowered before the poor weather and so were less affected by what might become the new seasonal 'Norm'.

New Additions & Reintroductions

Scented Narcissi: we've added '**Replete**' (p.10) to our 'must haves'. With the opening of the holiday lets last year the narcissi have more than earned their keep, providing bunch after bunch of scented beauties to welcome guests to Linnels Farm.

Tulips: Our love affair with early tulips continues with '**Orca**' (p.13) one of Sabina's all time favourites. We've reintroduced '**Texas Flame**' (p.20) since Karen still misses it from her last garden where it flowered happily for 14 years; one flower stem in a vase is such a talking point! And two newcomers: '**Belicia**' (p.16) & '**Silver Parrot**' (p.21) will provide some extra opulence.

The beauty of **Allium 'Ambassador'** (p.7) really stood out at the Wisley trials a few years back so we are pleased to include this relatively new allium in our selection. **Puschkinia scilloides var. libanotica** (p.34) now there is a name to forget but fortunately not this perfect little gem of a flower which will multiply in any needy garden corner. These are just a few to mention.

We hope you like this year's choices and feel inspired for a beautiful Spring 2022.

What were our favourite bulbs last year?

Karen: No apologies for repeating last year's since he outperformed so many others '**Jaap Groot**' (p.13) is a tulip that flowers for over a month, deepening in colour till he reaches butter yellow, creating the perfect backdrop for '**Honeymoon**' (p. 20) with its ice white fringe. The towering giant **Nectaroscordum** (back cover) was the bulb that got most compliments from last year.

Sabina: Tulips '**Orange Emperor**' & '**Margarita**' (p.12), '**Barcelona**' & '**Ballerina**' (p.18) - I admit, orange and pink IS my favorite colour combo never failing to lift my spirits and making me smile - add a sprinkling of Narcissus '**Hawera**' (p.34) with its zingy yellow for an extra dare.....

Alliums

Alliums are a great investment, reliably flowering each year and are a magnet for bees



Allium nigrum

A beautiful dome of white flowers
Perfect for wilder areas in the garden

100 cm
May - June

10 bulbs @ £5
30 @ £13



Allium 'Mount Everest'

pure white

90 cm
May - June

5 @ £12
10 @ £22



Allium schubertii

amazing - silver-purple fireworks

40 cm
May - June

5 @ £11
10 @ £19



Allium 'Purple Sensation'

classic purple

90 cm
May - June

10 @ £5
30 @ £13



Allium sphaerocephalon

claret drumsticks
perfect dotted through borders

50 - 90 cm
June - July

30 @ £6
100 @ £15



Allium 'Gladiator'

silvery mauve

120 cm
June - July

5 @ £10
10 @ £18

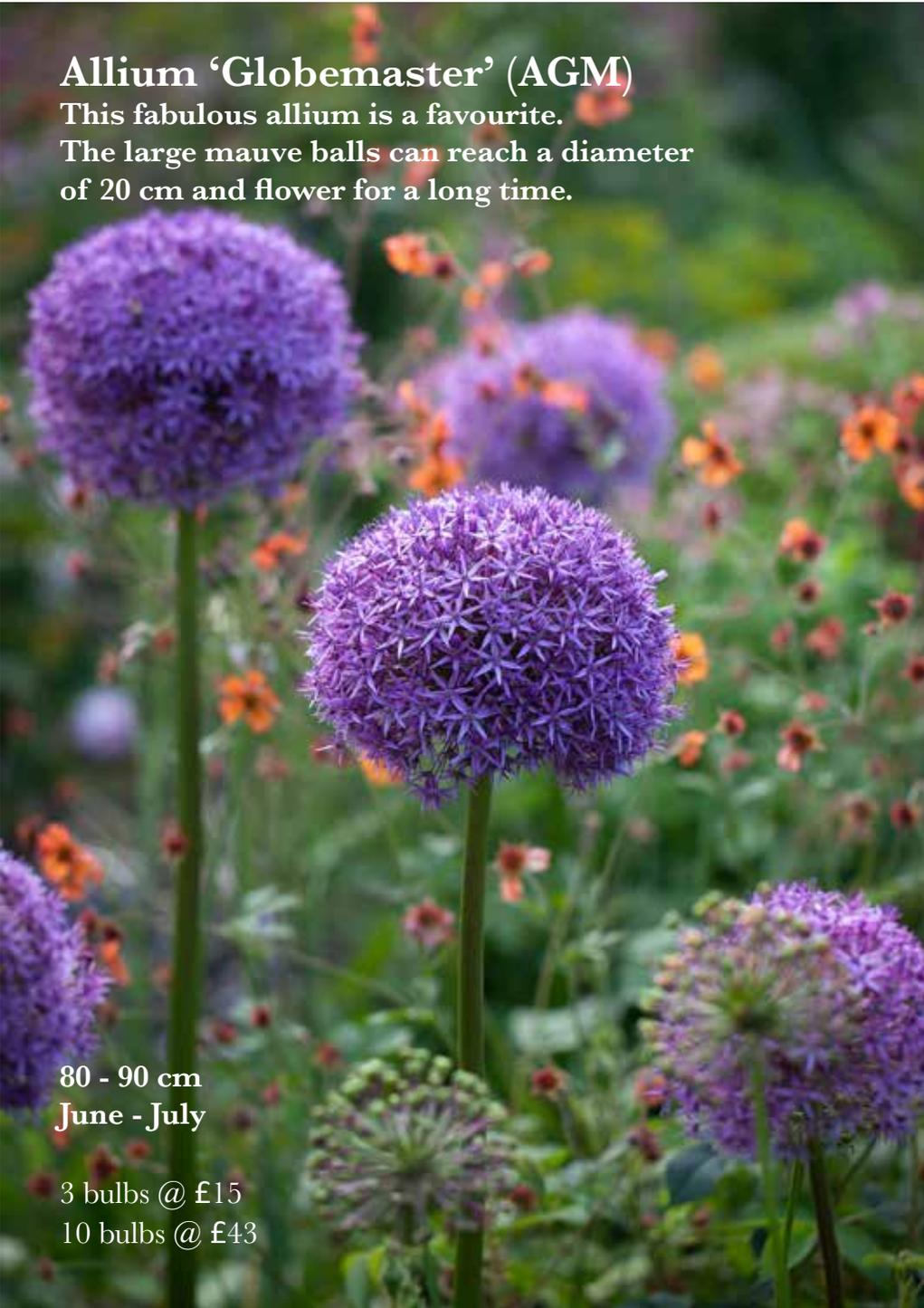


Allium cristophii

large head of star-shaped lilac flowers

60 cm
June

10 @ £6
30 @ £15

A photograph of several large, spherical purple flower heads of Allium 'Globemaster' in a garden. The flowers are densely packed and have a mauve-purple hue. The background is filled with green foliage and other flowers, including some orange ones.

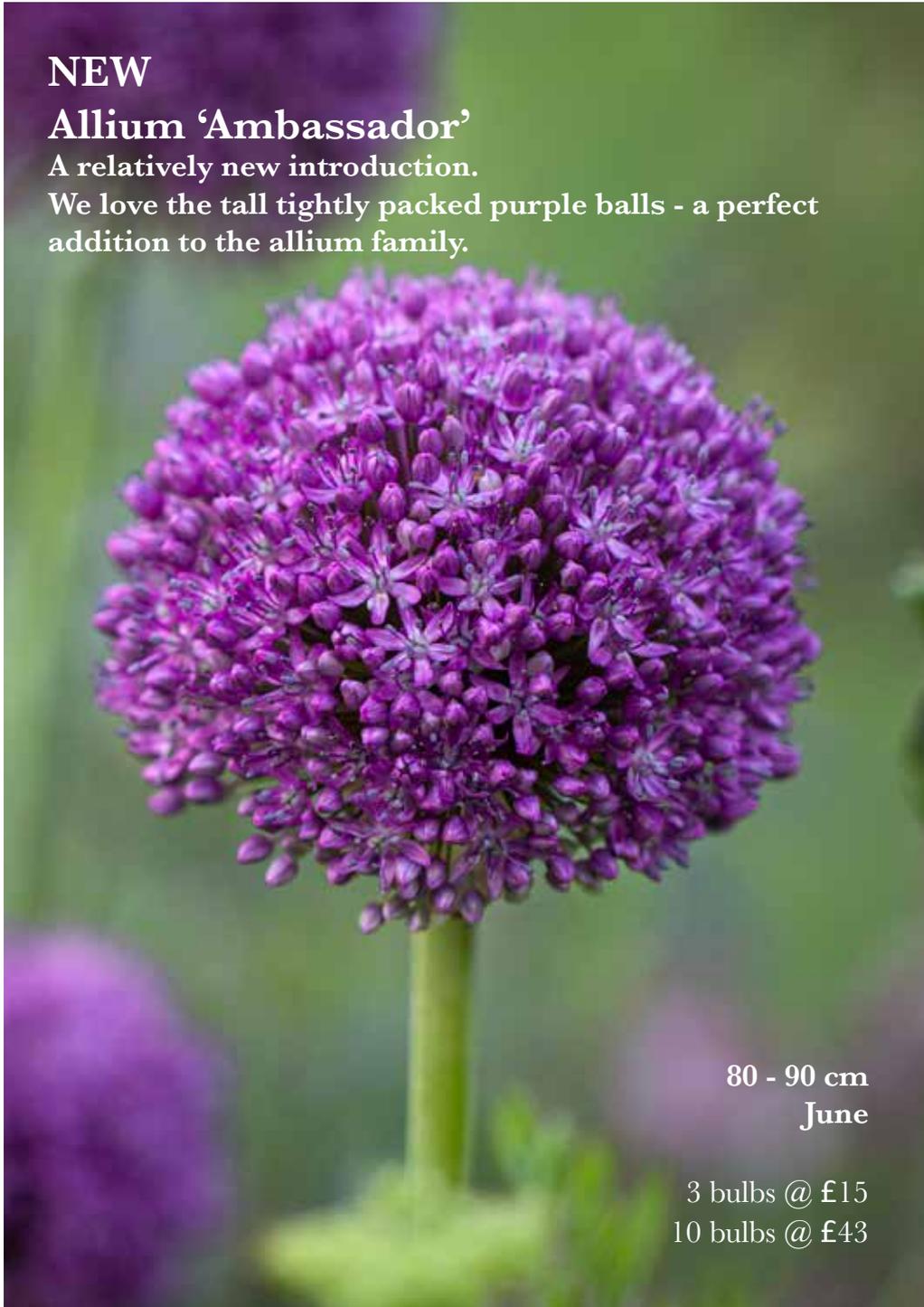
Allium 'Globemaster' (AGM)

This fabulous allium is a favourite.
The large mauve balls can reach a diameter
of 20 cm and flower for a long time.

80 - 90 cm
June - July

3 bulbs @ £15
10 bulbs @ £43

NEW

A close-up photograph of a single, large, spherical purple flower head of Allium 'Ambassador'. The flower is composed of many small, tightly packed purple florets. The background is a soft, out-of-focus green.

Allium 'Ambassador'

A relatively new introduction.
We love the tall tightly packed purple balls - a perfect
addition to the allium family.

80 - 90 cm
June

3 bulbs @ £15
10 bulbs @ £43

Scented Narcissi

This year, more than ever, we were amazed by the number of weeks all the narcissi stayed in flower. 'Thalia' was with us for a whole 5 weeks: an exemplary guest, radiant as we woke up to her each morning from the kitchen window.

Our carefully chosen selection of scented narcissi are as perfect in the vase as they are in the garden and can provide you with a fantastic display from March to late May.

Bulbs will naturalise (divide and spread if left undisturbed in the garden) into larger drifts each year. 'Silver Chimes' and 'Erlicheer' are perfect for early pots, so you can more easily appreciate their divine scent; whilst all the other varieties can happily be planted through grass if space is limited – just bear in mind that the leaves will need to remain for 6 weeks after flowering.



'Geranium'

vigorous & showy
4-6 flowers per stem

April
35 cm

10 @ £6



'Sir Winston Churchill'

loose clusters
with a spicy scent

Mid April
40 cm

10 @ £6



'Silver Chimes'

up to 10
flowers per stem

April - May
35 cm

10 @ £8



'Erlicheer'

creamy white
double flowers

March - April
30 cm

10 @ £9



'Acropolis'

big double blooms
spicy scent

Late April
40 cm
10 @ £6



NEW

'Replete'

pure white intermixed with
apricot ruffles

Mid April
45 cm
10 @ £6



'Actaea'

Pheasant's Eye
dating from pre 1919

Late May
35 cm
10 @ £7



'Thalia'

orchid daffodil
very elegant

April - May
30 cm
10 @ £6



'White Lion' AGM

double, soft yellow centre and
long lasting.

April
35 cm
10 @ £6

Double Narcissi

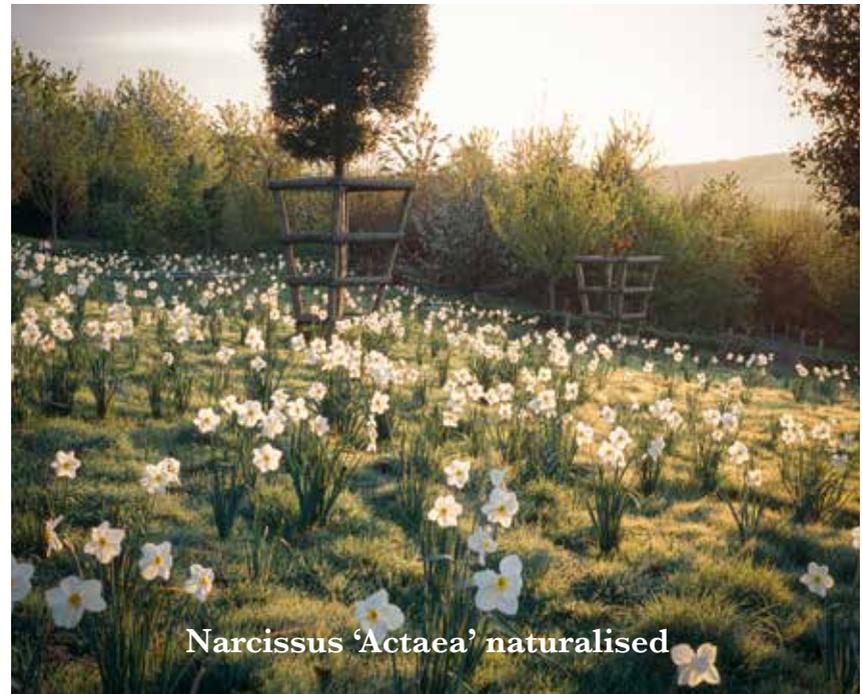
make wonderful cut flowers

-
when mixed with tulips they
also add scent
to a colourful bouquet

Special Offer!

25 double narcissi - bulb mix

£12.50



Narcissus 'Actaea' naturalised

Tulips

Individual Varieties

Early Tulips

flowering late March - mid April



'Margarita' & 'Orange Emperor'
a winning combination... flowering early & long.

Early Tulips

		
'Exotic Emperor' long-lasting 45 cm	'Verona' citrus scented 40 cm	'Jaap Groot' cream flame variegated leaves 50 cm
		
'Apricot Beauty' softest apricot long-lasting 40 cm	'Purissima' tall with large flowers reliably perennial 50 cm	'Orange Emperor' NEW reliably perennial 50 cm
		
'Margarita' NEW 45 cm	'Orca' NEW ages to a strong orange 45 cm	'Double Negrita' NEW 50 cm

10 Bulbs £6

25 Bulbs £14

50 Bulbs £24

Early-Mid Season Tulips

		
<p>'Antraciet' combines well with other tulips 45 cm</p>	<p>'Prinses Irene' long lasting 30 - 40 cm</p>	<p>'Negrita' mixes well with other colours 50 cm</p>
		
<p>'Havran' crushed blackcurrants 45 cm</p>	<p>'Blue Diamond' very long lasting relaxed habit 45 cm</p>	<p>'Jan Reus' subtle yellow base 50 cm</p>
		
<p>'Continental' dark and sumptuous 45 - 50 cm</p>	<p>'Brown Sugar' strong and tall 60 cm</p>	<p>'Gorilla' beautifully fringed (terrible name) 45 - 50 cm</p>

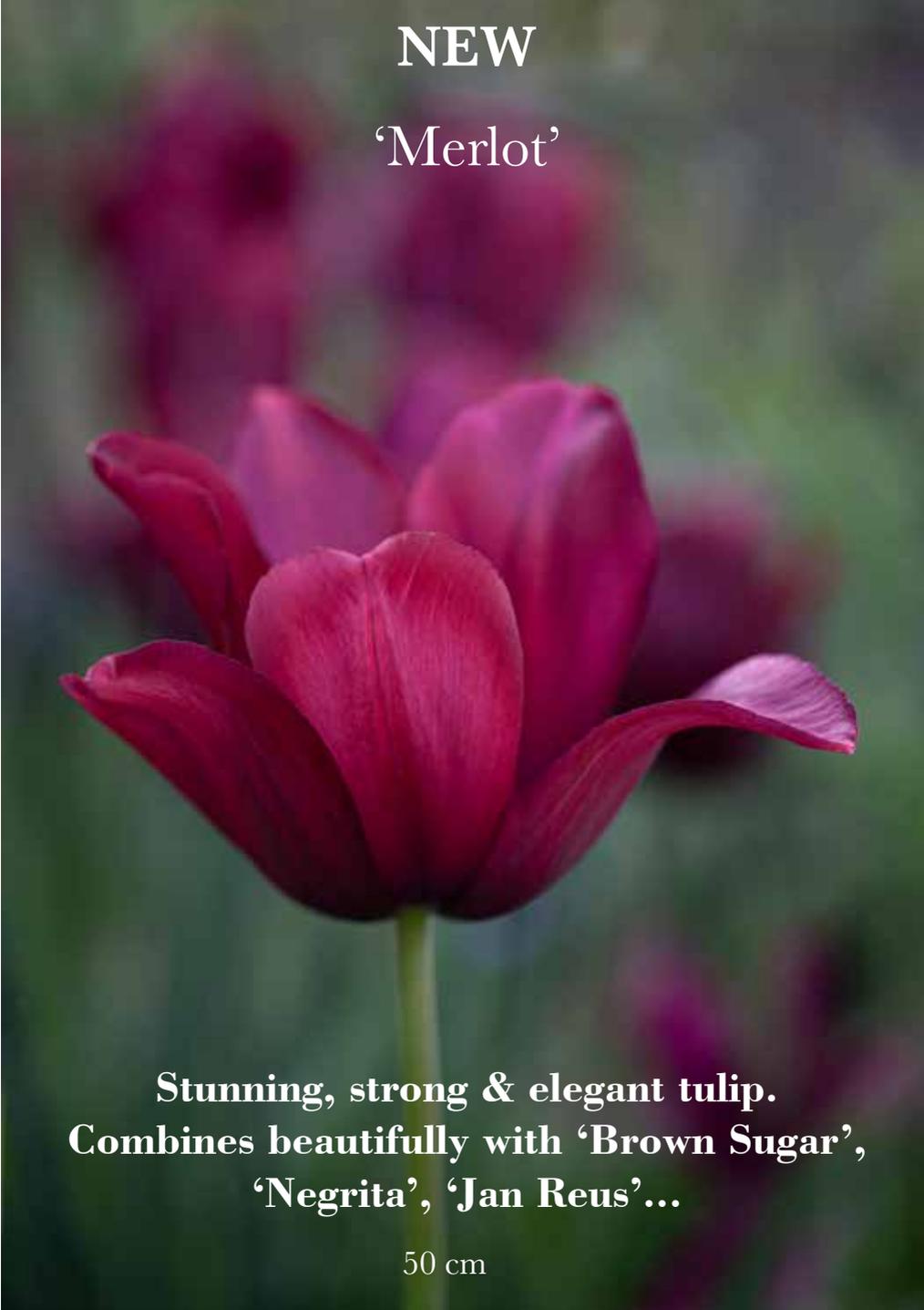
10 Bulbs £6

25 Bulbs £14

50 Bulbs £24

NEW

'Merlot'



**Stunning, strong & elegant tulip.
Combines beautifully with 'Brown Sugar',
'Negrita', 'Jan Reus'...**

50 cm



NEW
'Belicia'



'Grand Perfection'

Two very different tulips, but both wonderful for cutting.

'Grand Perfection' is simple but striking, emerging with red flames on a pale lemon background which fades over several weeks to pure white.

Newly added **'Belicia'** is a blowsy, multi-headed double tulip that draws everyone's attention.

Both varieties:

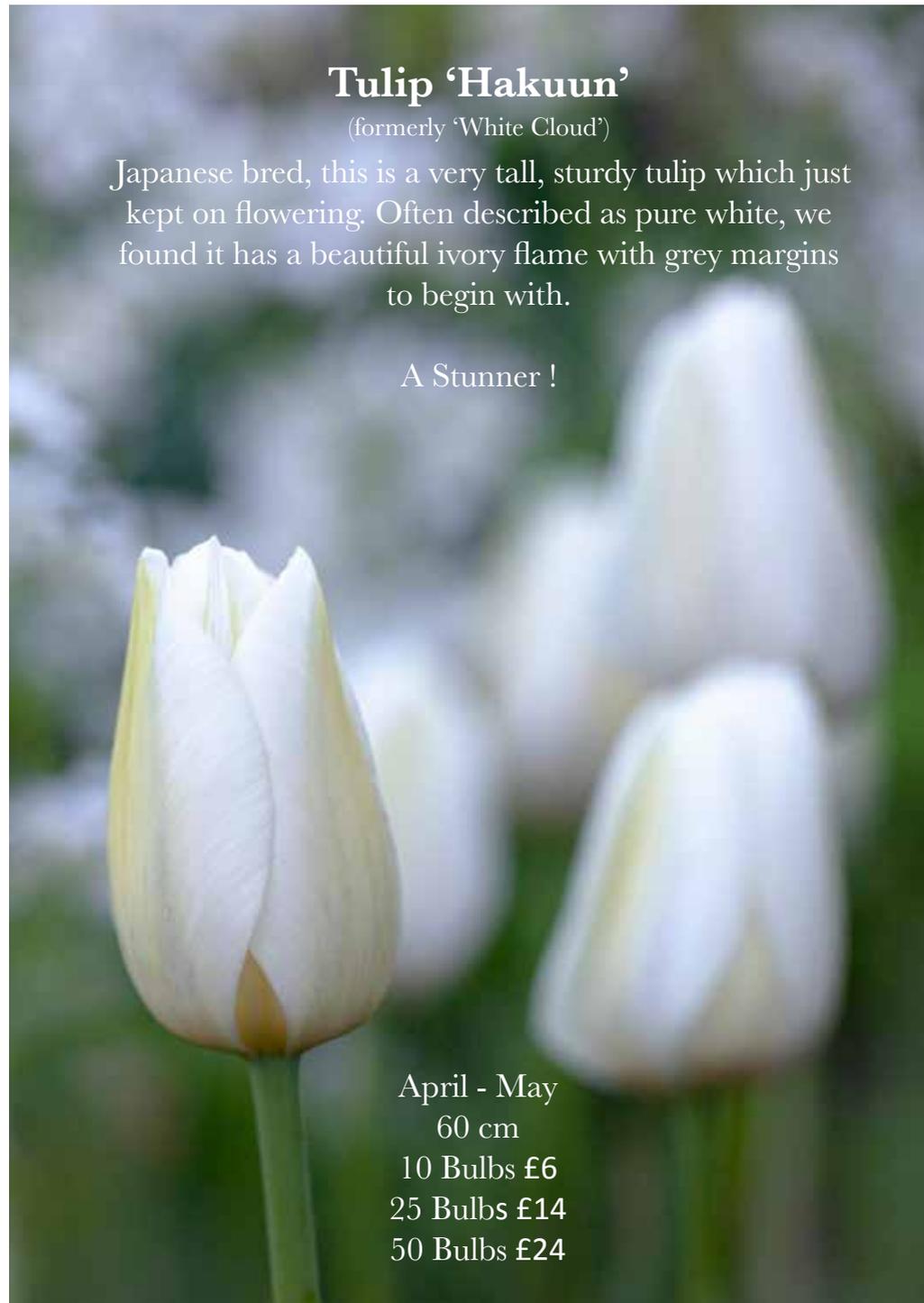
April - May
45-50 cm

Tulip 'Hakuun'

(formerly 'White Cloud')

Japanese bred, this is a very tall, sturdy tulip which just kept on flowering. Often described as pure white, we found it has a beautiful ivory flame with grey margins to begin with.

A Stunner !



April - May
60 cm
10 Bulbs £6
25 Bulbs £14
50 Bulbs £24

Mid-Season Tulips: flowering April-May



'Sapporo'
lily flowered
creamy white
45 cm

'Barcelona'
eye-catching brilliant,
lipstick pink
60 cm

'Angelique'
a classic
fragrant
45 cm



'Doll's Minuet'
elegant
55 cm

'Annie Schilder'
mellows to bronze hues
40 - 45 cm

'Striped Flag'
NEW
deep purple flames
35 cm



'Charming Lady'
shades of palest apricot
45 cm

'Mount Tacoma'
great cut flower
45 cm

'Ballerina'
another classic
55 cm

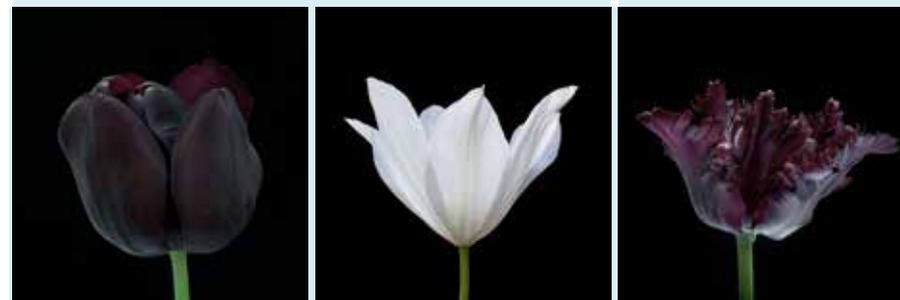
Mid-Late Tulips: May flowering



'Mistress'
clear luminous pink,
long lasting
50 cm

'Menton'
long lasting
fades as ages
55 cm

'White Dream'
NEW
bowl shaped
50 cm



'Queen of Night'
best ever
60 cm

'White Triumphator'
NEW
60 cm

'Black Parrot'
ruffled feathers
55 cm



'Spring Green'
ivory and green
viridiflora
50 cm

'Dordogne'
NEW
huge flower
60-65 cm

'Bleu Aimable'
fading to antique grey
50 cm

Showstoppers 10 Bulbs



'Honeymoon'

Mid-season

50 cm

£6



'Amazing Parrot'

Mid-season

40-50 cm

£7



'Copper Image'

Mid-season

45 cm

£8



'Texas Flame'

Mid-season

45 cm

£6

Showstoppers 10 Bulbs



'Flaming Spring Green'

Mid-season

45-50 cm

£11



'La Belle Époque'

Early flowering

30-40 cm

£11



'Silver Parrot'

NEW

Late flowering

40 cm

£7



'Green Wave'

Late flowering

50-60 cm

£8



In the Garden & for Cutting

A classic colour combination
- purple/pink & orange.

Left: Narcissi '**Replete**' and '**Geranium**' picking up the orange of Tulip '**Orange Emperor**'; contrasting with '**Negrita**' and Hyacinth '**Woodstock**'.

To the right: Tulip '**Orange Emperor**' growing through Lunaria annua and far right: Tulip '**Barcelona**' & '**Ballerina**'.



Left: Narcissus '**White Lion**' added to our Crème Fraîche collection.

To the right: Tulip '**Purissima**' and far right: Tulips '**Verona**' & '**White Triumphator**' with Narcissus '**Hawera**'.



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Gift Collections

This year we have 10 collections...

All of our bulb collections are beautifully presented in gift bags, complete with planting instructions & gift label.

25 bulbs in each collection - £20
(unless stated otherwise)



Our first early tulip collection



Primavera



Purple Flame



Purple
Flame



Dark &
Elegant



Dark & Elegant



NEW

Primavera



Prima
vera



Cool
White



Cool White

Scented Spring Collection

One of our best selling collections - combines the lovely scent of Narcissi with the big blousy blooms of double Tulips

.... oh and a sprinkling of delicate blue Muscari



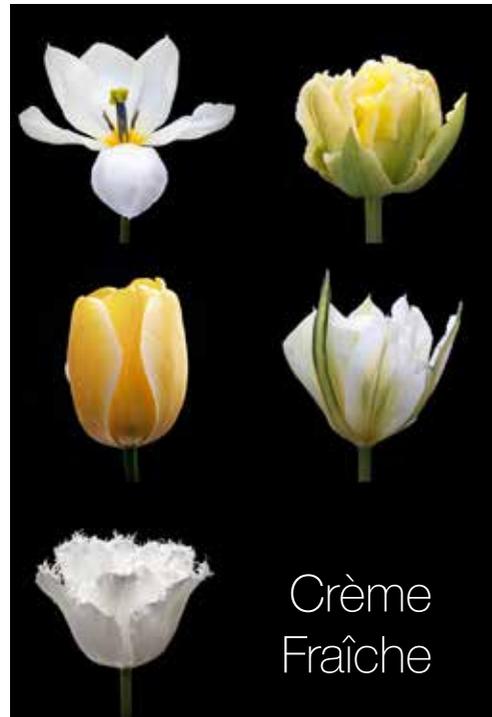
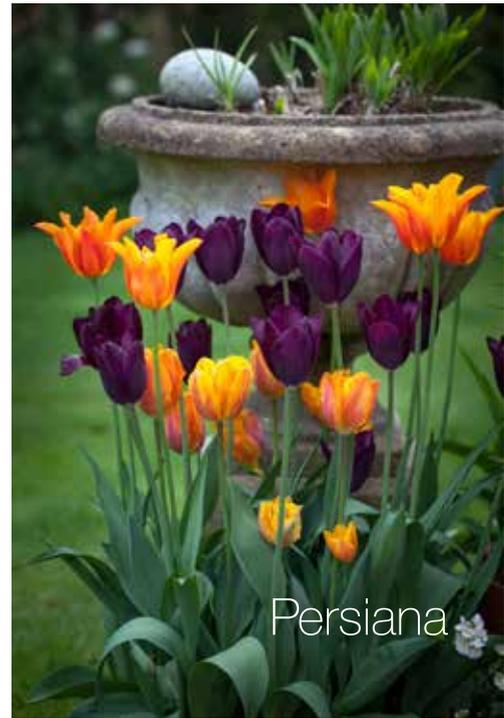
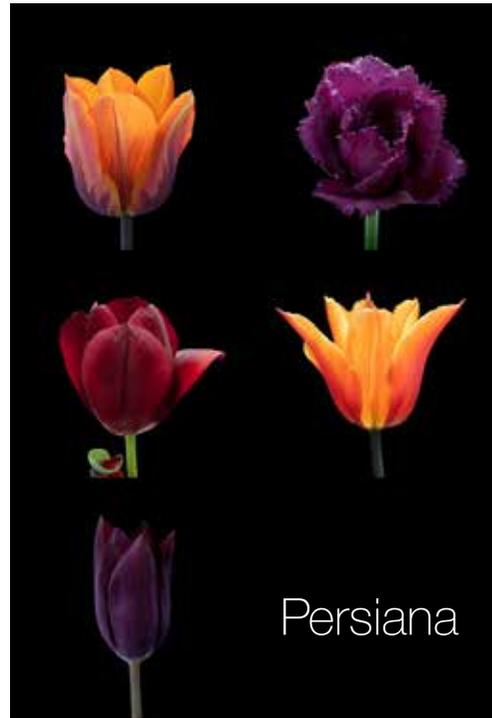
45 bulbs £22
10 Tulips, 10 scented Narcissi & 25 Muscari

La Belle

A subtle blend of mauve and dusky coffee coloured tulips, accented with sumptuous black for drama. The colours mellow and fade with time giving a lovely antique feel.



25 bulbs £22



Hyacinths

Hyacinths are one of those forgotten pleasures - an autumn afternoon spent potting up bulbs into indoor containers, then hiding them in cool darkened cupboards, only to be found 10 weeks later with their bright green noses poking through. Brought into light, and then warmth, they will flower and scent the house in the darkest days of winter.

This year we chose four hyacinths that could stand alone or complement the early tulips. Our bulbs are top size, so often you'll get a second smaller flower stem. We do hope you like them.



**Hyacinths: 5 bulbs for £5 or indulge with
20 bulbs: 5 of each variety for £17**



'Snow Crystal'



'Woodstock'



NEW 'Crystal Palace'



'Splendid Cornelia'

Little Beauties

Planting these diminutive bulbs will repay you for years to come since they naturalise in the garden (divide and spread slowly to form drifts). They are equally at home as the top layer of spring pots providing welcome early flowers.



Muscari 'Baby's Breath'

developing from lime green buds to pale blue flowers wonderfully scented.

March - April

15 cm

10 @ £2

25 @ £4



Fritillaria meleagris

Naturalises in grass

30 cm

April

10 @ £4.50

25 @ £10

100 @ £36



Anemone blanda

'Blue Shades'

naturalises in dappled shade

10-15 cm

March - April

10 @ £3

25 @ £6

100 @ £20

NEW *Crocus chrysanthus* 'Ard Schenk'



10 cm 10 @ £3
Feb - March 25 @ £6
50 @ £11

NEW *Iris reticulata* 'Pixie'



15 cm 10 @ £3
Feb - March 25 @ £6



Narcissus 'Hawera'

delicate & scented
2 - 3 flowers per stem
20 cm
May

10 @ £4
25 @ £9
50 @ £16

NEW



***Puschkinia scilloides* var.
*libanotica***

15 cm
March - April

10 @ £2
25 @ £4
50 @ £7



***Erythronium* 'Pagoda'**

flowers held above spotted leaves

35 cm
March - April

5 @ £5
10 @ £8
25 @ £18

NEW



***Ipheion uniflorum*
'Alberto Castillo'**

great in pots
15 cm
Jan - March

10 @ £4
25 @ £9
50 @ £16

NEW Narcissus 'Toto'



Beautiful mini narcissus - perfect for early pots.
They simply keep on flowering

20 - 25 cm
March - April
10 Bulbs @ £8

NEW Leucojum aestivum 'Gravetye Giant'

The aptly named 'Summer Snowflake'. Gorgeous planted on masse; 40-50 cm tall with ivory white flowers and dark green foliage. Planted 10 cm deep and 10-15 cm apart, it will happily naturalise as long as its not too hot or too dry.



April - May
10 @ £7
25 @ £15



Scilla mischtschenkoa
very pretty & early flowering

15 cm
Jan - March

10 @ £6
25 @ £12



Chionodoxa 'Pink Giant'
early food for bees

15 cm
March - April

10 @ £3
25 @ £6
50 @ £10



Camassia one of the few bulbs that tolerates damp soil. A great naturaliser, performs brilliantly in pots, with an added bonus - a long lasting cut flower!



**Camassia
quamash**

20 cm
May - June
50 @ £6



**Camassia
caerulea
(leich. Blue)**

70 cm
May - June
5 @ £7



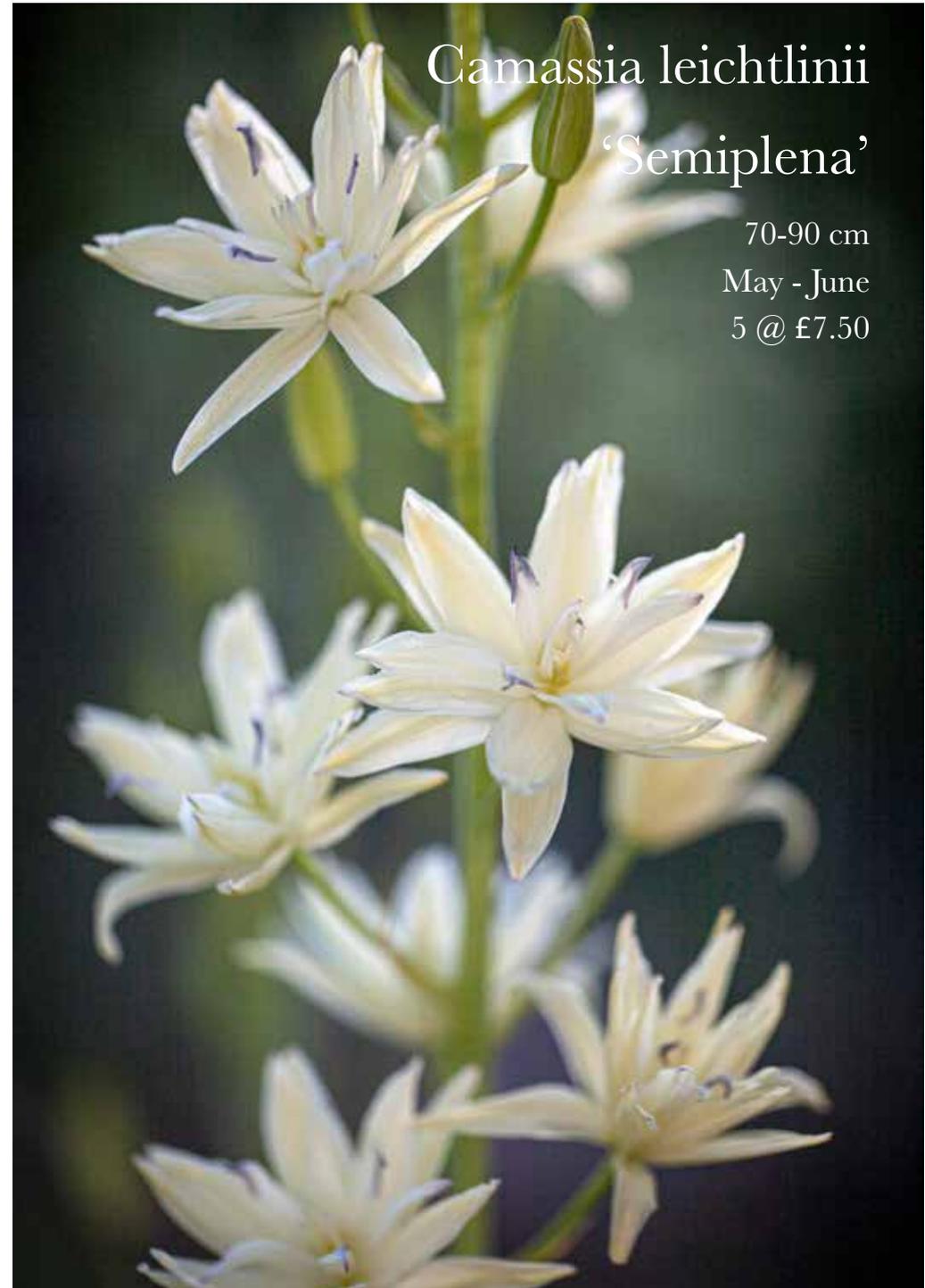
**Camassia
cusickii
'Zwanenburg'**

75 cm
May
5 @ £8



**Camassia
leichtlinii alba**

70 cm
May
5 @ £7



Fritillaria persica

sumptuous, brings a little
sophistication to the garden

75-100 cm
April
3 bulbs £12



Ornithogalum nutans AGM

Head-turning, ghost-like flowers.
Creates a beautiful carpet around the base of trees and
makes an unusual cut flower.

20-40 cm
March -May
10 bulbs £3
25 bulbs £6



Nectaroscordum siculum subsp. bulgaricum

also called Sicilian honey garlic - bees adore these



120 cm

May - June

10 bulbs £6

30 bulbs £15

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