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**Grandstand™ Red Lipstick Pink Salvia**  
*Salvia splendens 'Grandstand Red Lipstick Pink'*

Height: 18 inches

Spread: 14 inches

Spacing: 12 inches

Sunlight: ○ ●

Hardiness Zone: 9b

Other Names: Ornamental Sage, Tropical Sage

Group/Class: Grandstand Series

**Description:**

A uniform growing salvia producing large spikes of pink flowers emerging from red calyces, rising above lovely green foliage; a beautiful border or bedding plant with its dense, bushy form, looks fantastic in containers; heat and humidity tolerant

**Ornamental Features**

Grandstand Red Lipstick Pink Salvia has masses of beautiful spikes of pink tubular flowers with red calyces rising above the foliage from late spring to mid fall, which are most effective when planted in groupings. The flowers are excellent for cutting. Its glossy heart-shaped leaves remain green in color throughout the season.

**Landscape Attributes**

Grandstand Red Lipstick Pink Salvia is an herbaceous perennial with an upright spreading habit of growth. Its relatively fine texture sets it apart from other garden plants with less refined foliage.

This is a relatively low maintenance plant, and should not require much pruning, except when necessary, such as to remove dieback. It is a good choice for attracting bees, butterflies and hummingbirds to your yard, but is not particularly attractive to deer who tend to leave it alone in favor of tastier treats. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Grandstand Red Lipstick Pink Salvia is recommended for the following landscape applications;



*Grandstand Red Lipstick Pink Salvia*  
flowers  
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*Grandstand Red Lipstick Pink Salvia*  
in bloom  
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- Mass Planting
- Border Edging
- General Garden Use
- Container Planting

### **Planting & Growing**

Grandstand Red Lipstick Pink Salvia will grow to be about 16 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 14 inches. When grown in masses or used as a bedding plant, individual plants should be spaced approximately 12 inches apart. It grows at a medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 5 years. As an herbaceous perennial, this plant will usually die back to the crown each winter, and will regrow from the base each spring. Be careful not to disturb the crown in late winter when it may not be readily seen!

This plant 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. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America. It can be propagated by division; however, as a cultivated variety, be aware that it may be subject to certain restrictions or prohibitions on propagation.

Grandstand Red Lipstick Pink Salvia is a fine choice for the garden, but it is also a good selection for planting in outdoor pots and containers. It is often used as a 'filler' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination, providing a mass of flowers against which the larger thriller plants stand out. Note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.