



The '**Louis Lens Rose nursery**', a firm with a long-standing tradition, was founded in **1870** by Louis Lens Senior. For three generations, the nursery was run by the Lens family, situated in Onze-Lieve-Vrouw-Waver (near Mechelen). In 1992, it was taken over by Rudy and Ann Velle-Boudolf and the company moved to Oudenburg (between Bruges and Ostend).

Our assortment of roses comprises more than 800 different types, ranging from elegant Old Garden roses to Rambler and Climbing roses, Groundcover roses, Hybrid Musk roses, David Austin roses, Botanical species, Hybrid Tea roses, Floribundas, Standard roses...

In short, the most **valuable garden varieties**.

At the nursery, you will find a rose **garden covering more than 2000 m²**, and numerous rose borders. During springtime (April), one can enjoy the greenhouse where a number of rare Climbers and Ramblers are in full bloom. In summer, the rose garden and a container field offers you the opportunity to select the roses of your choice from a **large assortment**. From mid-November until mid-April, bare root roses can be collected or delivered.

An important activity is the **search for new rose varieties**. Our goal is to introduce sustainable garden roses which have a positive impact on garden ecology. Repeat flowering, hardiness and vigour, resistance to diseases and elegance are important characteristics.

Our speciality, Hybrid Musk's are well known for their natural habitus, overwhelming amount of small flowers. Lots of them produce rose hips which attract all kind of birds and these roses with simple flowers (5-8 petals) attract bees with their beautiful yellow stamens.



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Louis Lens dedicated his life to breeding roses. His most famous roses are **Pascali** and **Dame de Coeur**. As he always had a preference for botanical roses and hybrid musks, he expanded the latter with 100 varieties such as **Guirlande d'Amour**, **Bouquet Parfait**, **Rosalita**, **Paganini**, **Sibelius**, **Plaisanterie**, ...

Rudy and Ann Velle followed in his footsteps and introduced the roses **Dinky**, **Grand-Duc Jean**, **Elisabeth Oberle**, **Jean Stephenne**, ...



Rosa multiflora adenochaeta



Guirlande d'Amour ©



Sibelius



Plaisanterie ©



Robe Fleurie



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