

# The Meaning of Roses

Roses have been in existence for about 32 million years, and were used by the Greeks, Romans, and Persians. Roses have been bred to be colorful, fragrant, and full for thousands of years. Although a rose of any color can simply mean gratitude, over time they have been attributed to a variety of emotions and occasions.



## **Red – Love, Beauty, Romance, Respect**

Colors range from bright red to deep burgundy. Varieties include Charlotte, Forever Young, Classy, and Rouge Baiser. Red roses are given to people you love, to people for who you have great respect, and to those who have shown great courage. The quantity can also have a special meaning. A single red rose shows love, a dozen show gratitude, twenty-five show congratulations and fifty show unconditional love. Two red roses tied together symbolize an engagement.



## **Pink – Gratitude, Appreciation, Admiration**

Colors range from light pink to dark pink. Varieties include Ana, Livia, Pink Titanic, Rossini, Orlando and Attaché. Pink roses in general are given to people to show thanks, admiration, and happiness.



## **Orange – Desire, Enthusiasm, Fascination**

Colors range from bright orange to coral. Varieties include Tropical Amazon, Marlyse, and Sari. Orange roses are given to those who you desire and to those who you want to know better.



## **Yellow - Friendship**

Colors range from light yellow to golden. Varieties include Gold Strike, Skyline, Judy and Aalsmeer Gold. Yellow roses express joy, gladness, and friendship. They are given to new mothers, newlyweds, and graduates. They're also used as a reminder to a loved one to show that you care.



## **White – Purity, Innocence, Silence, Secrecy**

Colors range from pure white to very light pink. Varieties include Eskimo, Bianca, Akito, and Vendella. White roses are given to those who are innocent, reverent, or pure. They are commonly used in weddings. A white rosebud is used to represent girlhood. A dried white rose means "Death is preferable to loss of virtue".



## **Lavender - Enchantment**

Varieties include Allure, Bluebird, Blue Curosia, and Stranger. Lavender roses show that you have fallen in love with someone from the moment you saw them (love at first sight). It also can be given to those who you feel are enchanting.