

plants would most likely be consistent with the official description. And, it wouldn't be necessary for the nurseryman to grow the new plants on to a size where the sports could be rogued out by inspection.

In conclusion, a side-by-side comparison of self-colored sports (the color of the stripe) would probably make the identification process easier. It fundamentally comes down to one being asked to distinguish purplish-red from reddish-purple, recognizing the acceptable limits of variability. The other diagnostic factor is making a judgment on the organization of the dots in the blotch area. In other words, 'Festive' is purplish Red (or Red) and has no blotch (or not much of one). 'Geisha' is reddish Purple (or Purple) and has a distinctive chartreuse blotch.

With the 'Festive' and 'Geisha' question put to rest, can anyone tell 'Herbert' from 'Purple Splendor'?

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