

Winter Rose.

Hellebores commonly known as winter rose, grow extremely well in the Goulburn Valley as they do not mind the heat and they dislike high humidity. They are also not troubled by cold or frosts that we get over winter.

Winter rose need good drainage as they do not like wet or water logged conditions, however they can struggle in sandy soils if allowed to dry out, so in sandier soils it is advisable to incorporate a good

quantity of organic compost before planting.

In the garden Hellebores require shade in summer but good light to full sun in winter when in flower. A position under deciduous trees is ideal. Hellebores are best grown in-ground so don't leave them in the pots you purchased them in, plant out or pot up as soon as possible to enable them to establish before summer. Plant Hellebores approx. 60cm apart, as most Hellebores grow to about 45cm tall with a

spread of around 60cm this spacing will give you a full border display

Plants may need some extra watering over their first summer in the ground. We usually find that in subsequent summers, they become quite drought tolerant. Do remember

