## MIDNIGHT WINE®

Weigela florida 'Elvera' pp#12,217, cbr#2643



Landscape Info:	
USDA/AHS zones:	USDA 5/AHS 8
Mature height:	10-12"/.253 m
Exposure:	Full sun
Irrigation:	Moderate

## **Features & Benefits:**

- A very compact weigela grown primarily for its dramatic nearly-black foliage with prominent wavy leaf margins.
- May produce a few pink flowers in late spring but is primarily a foliage plant.
- Deer resistant.
- Ideal for adding color to garden beds, landscaping, and containers.



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pH Level:

5.6 - 6.2

Spring-fall

Old wood

Required

Average

Trim 2-3 times

**Liner Size** 

**Nutrient Needs:** Average 0.6 - 0.9EC (2:1 extract):

Light Level:

Moderate to high Average

Watering:

Rooting Out Temp:

65 - 72° F/18.3 - 22.2° C Polyhouse - no heat (where hardy) Overwintering Temp:

Sales Window:

Blooms On:

Trimming/pruning:

Vernalization: Vigor Rating:

**Finish Size** 

1 gallon 2 ¼" • 4" • QT 2 ¼" • 4" • QT 2 - 3 gallon

**Weeks of Active Growth** 

to Finish

12-14 • 11-13 • 10-12

20-22 • 18-20 • 16-18

## **Grower Tips:**

- Wavy, dark purple foliage gives it all-season appeal.
- Spring and dormant pruning will remove flower buds; however, this plant produces few flowers.
- Trim to shape as new growth allows to produce a dense, compact plant. Stop trimming in late July to allow flower buds to form for sale the following season.
- If not grown in high light, place plants in full sun for 2 weeks before sale to develop the best leaf color.
- Spider mites may become an issue; scout and treat as your IPM program dictates.
- Dwarf variety is slower to produce than other weigela and will finish to a smaller plant.

NOTES: