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Ancho Magnifico Pepper

Capsicum annuum 'Ancho Magnifico'



Ancho Magnifico Pepper fruit
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Height: 3 feet

Spread: 18 inches

Spacing: 24 inches

Sunlight: ○

Hardiness Zone: (annual)

Group/Class: Hot Poblano

Description:

A wonderful ancho variety that is perfect for patio containers or sunny gardens; large fruit develop from green to crimson red with thick walls; a mild heat level, great for chile relleno, roasting and drying; dried peppers are rich in color and taste

Edible Qualities

Ancho Magnifico Pepper is an annual vegetable plant that is typically grown for its edible qualities, although it does have ornamental merits as well. It produces dark green heart-shaped peppers (which are technically 'berries') with red flesh which are usually ready for picking from early summer to early fall. The fruit will often fade to crimson over time. The peppers have a mild taste.

The peppers are most often used in the following ways:

- Cooking
- Baking
- Drying
- Seasoning
- Freezing

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Planting & Growing

Ancho Magnifico Pepper will grow to be about 3 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 18 inches. When planted in rows, individual plants should be spaced approximately 24 inches apart. This vegetable plant is an annual, which means that it will grow for one season in your garden and then die after producing a crop.

This plant is quite ornamental as well as edible, and is as much at home in a landscape or flower garden as it is in a designated vegetable garden. It should only be grown in full sunlight. It does best in average to evenly moist conditions, but will not tolerate standing water. It is not particular as to soil pH, but grows best in rich soils. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. Consider applying a thick mulch around the root zone over the growing season to conserve soil moisture. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America, and it is considered by many to be an heirloom variety.

Ancho Magnifico Pepper is a good choice for the vegetable garden, but it is also well-suited for use in outdoor pots and containers. With its upright habit of growth, it is best suited for use as a 'thriller' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination; plant it near the center of the pot, surrounded by smaller plants and those that spill over the edges. It is even sizeable enough that it can be grown alone in a suitable container. Note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.

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